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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
2 ON NOVEMBER 6, 2007 BEGINS ON PAGE 104.]

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6 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
7 IS NOW IN SESSION. WE ASK THAT EVERYONE IN THE AUDIENCE TO
8 RISE FOR THE INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. THE
9 INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY BISHOP JUAN CARLOS MENDEZ, OF THE
10 CENTRAL CRISTIANO OF SOUTH GATE. AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
11 WILL BE LED BY DR. WILLIAM PETERS, A MEMBER OF THE MARINE
12 CORPS LEAGUE 597. BISHOP MENDEZ.

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14 **BISHOP JUAN CARLOS MENDEZ:** HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME BEFORE
15 YOUR PRESENCE. WE WANT TO THANK YOU, LORD, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY
16 OF GATHERING TOGETHER IN THIS WONDERFUL PLACE. LORD, WE PRAY
17 FOR WISDOM. LORD, WE PRAY FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE FLOOD IN
18 MEXICO. LORD, WE PRAY FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE FIRES THAT HAVE
19 HIT US NOT ONLY IN L.A. COUNTY BUT SAN DIEGO AND ALL THE OTHER
20 SURROUNDING COUNTIES. LORD, WE PRAY FOR YOUR HELP. AMEN.

21

22 **DR. WILLIAM PETERS:** WOULD YOU PLEASE FACE THE FLAG? WOULD YOU
23 PUT YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND FOLLOW ME IN THE
24 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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1 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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3 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. IT'S INDEED MY HONOR THIS MORNING TO
4 MAKE A PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO BISHOP
5 JUAN CARLOS MENDEZ. IN 1989, BISHOP JUAN CARLOS MENDEZ JOINED
6 WITH OTHER PASTORS AND ESTABLISHED CENTRAL CRISTIANO IN THE
7 SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES AREA, SERVING A SMALL CONGREGATION.
8 TODAY, CENTRO CRISTIANO IS A THRIVING PARISH WITH OVER 10,000
9 ACTIVE MEMBERS WORLDWIDE OFFERING COMPASSIONATE SPIRITUAL
10 GUIDANCE. OVER THE YEARS, BISHOP MENDEZ HAS TRAVELED
11 EXTENSIVELY, FOCUSING ON EXPANDED OUTREACH TO INTERFAITH
12 GATHERINGS AT COLLEGES, SEMINARIES AND DIVERSE COMMUNITIES
13 THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THE BISHOP HAS ALSO SERVED AS A SPEAKER.
14 HE WAS A TEACHER AND A PRINCIPAL FOR L.A. UNIFIED, AS WELL AS
15 AN ADMINISTRATOR. WE WANT TO THANK HIM FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND
16 MORE IMPORTANTLY, FOR LEADING US IN A VERY BEAUTIFUL
17 INVOCATION. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, IT IS A PLEASURE TO
20 WELCOME DR. WILLIAM PETERS LEAD US IN THE INVOCATION -- I
21 SHOULD SAY, THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BEFORE THE BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS THAT WE DO EACH WEEK. DR. PETERS IS A MARINE. HE
23 SERVED IN VIETNAM. HE A RECIPIENT OF THE SILVER STAR, THE TWO
24 BRONZE STAR MEDALS, THE PURPLE HEART, THE COMBAT ACTION RIBBON
25 AND A NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION RIBBON, AND A NUMBER OF OTHER



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1 AWARDS FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. HE'S A GRADUATE OF SAN
2 FRANCISCO STATE COLLEGE, MASTERS AT REGENT UNIVERSITY AND HAS
3 A PH.D. FROM CALIFORNIA WESTERN UNIVERSITY. HE IS HERE WITH
4 HIS WIFE, BARBARA. HE IS PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S
5 AIDS NETWORK WHICH IS A PROGRAM IN SOUTH AFRICA THAT'S
6 PROVIDING A HOME, AN ORPHANAGE, FOR THOSE CHILDREN WHOSE
7 PARENTS ARE SUFFERING FROM AIDS. AND WE JUST WELCOME YOU HERE,
8 DR. PETERS, FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND FOR
9 YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE THE AGENDA AT THIS
12 TIME? CALL THE AGENDA, SACHI.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
15 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, AGENDA FOR THE
16 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D
17 THROUGH 3-D.

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19 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** MOLINA MOVES, BURKE SECONDS. WITHOUT
20 OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
23 AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H.

24



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1 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ANTONOVICH MOVES, BURKE SECONDS,
2 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK
5 AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P.

6

7 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** BURKE MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS, UNANIMOUS
8 VOTE.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6. ON
11 ITEM NUMBER 1, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
12 TO HOLD JUST THE APPOINTMENT OF MARK ARTUKOVICH. AND THE
13 REMAINING ITEMS, THE INDIVIDUAL IS NOT HOLDING.

14

15 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. WE'LL HOLD IT.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 2, SUPERVISOR KNABE WOULD
18 LIKE THIS ITEM REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE.

19

20 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

23

24 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** MOLINA MOVES, ANTONOVICH SECONDS;
25 WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 7 THROUGH 45. ON
3 ITEMS 11, 12 AND 13, SUPERVISOR MOLINA WOULD LIKE TO BE
4 RECORDED AS A NO VOTE.

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6 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SORRY, WHICH ITEMS?

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 11, 12 AND 13.

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10 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. AND ON THE REMAINDER, THERE ARE NO
11 OTHER HOLDS?

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THERE ARE. ON ITEM 15, SUPERVISOR
14 ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 16,
15 SUPERVISOR BURKE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK
16 TO NOVEMBER 13TH, 2007. ON ITEM NUMBER 20, AS INDICATED ON THE
17 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS
18 THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT.

19

20 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH ITEM, I'M SORRY?

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 20.

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24 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** 20, OKAY.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 40 -- ALL RIGHT, EXCUSE ME,
2 ON ITEM 33, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
3 HOLD THIS ITEM. AND THEN ON ITEM NUMBER 40, THE DIRECTOR OF
4 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
5 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO NOVEMBER 20TH, 2007. AND ON ITEM 41, AS
6 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT
7 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO NOVEMBER 13TH, 2007. AND I
8 APOLOGIZE, ALSO THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
9 TO HOLD ITEM 39.

10

11 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. SO LET'S TAKE ITEMS 11, 12
12 AND 13.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT'S A NO VOTE.

15

16 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** MISS MOLINA WILL BE RECORDED AS A NO
17 VOTE. ON A MOTION BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY BURKE; WITHOUT
18 OBJECTION, WE'LL RECORD THAT AS A 3-1 VOTE. ON THE REMAINDER
19 OF THE ITEMS, ANTONOVICH MOVES, BURKE SECONDS; WITHOUT
20 OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. AND THEN THE HOLDS WE WILL HOLD.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. WE ARE NOW ON PAGE 23, ORDINANCES FOR
23 INTRODUCTION. AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD
24 ON EACH OF THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM NUMBER 46, THIS IS AN
25 ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6 SALARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY



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1 CODE RELATING TO THE ADDITION, DELETION AND CHANGING OF
2 CERTAIN CLASSIFICATIONS AND NUMBER OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN
3 VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE FINDINGS OF
4 CLASSIFICATION STUDIES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

5

6 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** MOLINA MOVES; BURKE SECONDS; WITHOUT
7 OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 47, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
10 TITLE 26, BUILDING CODE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE BY
11 ADOPTING THE 2007 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE AND PORTIONS OF THE
12 1997 UNIFORM BUILDING CODE BY REFERENCE WITH CERTAIN CHANGES
13 AND MODIFICATIONS AND MAKING OTHER REVISIONS THERETO.

14

15 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** BURKE MOVES, ANTONOVICH SECONDS,
16 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 48, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
19 TITLE 27, ELECTRICAL CODE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE BY
20 ADOPTING PORTIONS OF THE 2007 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE BY
21 REFERENCE WITH CERTAIN CHANGES AND MODIFICATIONS AND MAKING
22 OTHER REVISIONS THERETO.

23

24 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ANTONOVICH MOVES, BURKE SECONDS,
25 UNANIMOUS VOTE.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ITEM 49, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
3 TITLE 28, PLUMBING CODE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE BY
4 ADOPTING PORTIONS OF THE 2007 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE WITH
5 REFERENCE WITH CERTAIN CHANGES AND MODIFICATIONS AND MAKING
6 OTHER REVISIONS THERETO.

7

8 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** MOLINA MOVES, ANTONOVICH SECONDS,
9 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 50, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
12 TITLE 29, MECHANICAL CODE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE BY
13 ADOPTING PORTIONS OF THE 2007 CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE BY
14 REFERENCE WITH CERTAIN CHANGES AND MODIFICATIONS AND MAKING
15 OTHER REVISIONS THERETO.

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17 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** I REALLY COULD THROW A CHANGEUP IF I
18 ASKED WHAT ARE THE CHANGES, COULDN'T I? MOLINA MOVES,
19 ANTONOVICH SECONDS, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND ON ITEM 51, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE
22 AMENDING TITLE 32, FIRE CODE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE BY
23 REPEALING PORTIONS THAT HAD INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE THE 2002
24 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE BY ADOPTING PORTIONS OF
25 THE 2007 EDITION OF THE FIRE CODE, WHICH INCORPORATES BY



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1 REFERENCE THE 2006 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE BY
2 REFERENCE WITH CERTAIN CHANGES AND MODIFICATIONS AND MAKING
3 OTHER REVISIONS THERETO.

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5 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** BURKE MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS, UNANIMOUS
6 VOTE.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISCUSSION ITEMS 52 THROUGH 55. ON ITEM 52
9 AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
10 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO NOVEMBER
11 27TH, 2007, AT 11 A.M.

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13 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE
14 HELD, CONTINUED FOR THREE WEEKS.

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16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND ITEMS 53 THROUGH 55 WE WILL HOLD FOR A
17 REPORT. MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE
18 POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS
19 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, 56-A.

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21 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN WE GO BACK TO 52 FOR A SECOND? IS
22 THAT NOT A PUBLIC HEARING DATE? I BELIEVE WE'VE A -- NO, I
23 HAVE A MAJOR HEARING IN OUR DISTRICT.

24

25 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NOVEMBER 27TH. IT IS A PUBLIC HEARING DATE.



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2 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** SO RATHER THAN HAVE THIS AS A SPECIAL
3 ORDER, CAN WE DO IT AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS ARE HELD?
4 WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT'LL BE THE ORDER. OKAY. SORRY. GO
5 AHEAD. 56.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE HAVE 56-A BEFORE--

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9 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ANTONOVICH MOVES, BURKE SECONDS,
10 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND ON PAGE 27, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION.
13 ON ITEM CS-3, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS
14 ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO NOVEMBER 13TH, 2007.

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16 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SORRY, WHICH ITEM?

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CS-3 ON PAGE 27.

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20 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE
21 THE ORDER.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.
24 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL
25 DISTRICT NUMBER 3.



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CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY: OKAY. IT'S A PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THE
NOVEMBER 2007 LOS ANGELES COUNTY STARS IN THE CATEGORY OF
SERVICE EXCELLENCE. FIRST PLEASE WELCOME JAMES BICKEL FROM THE
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. DEPUTY JAMES BICKEL FROM THE CITY OF
INDUSTRY SHERIFF'S STATION HAS PLAYED A TREMENDOUS ROLE IN THE
COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE
RESIDENTS OF LA HABRA HEIGHTS. HE HAS ASSUMED SUCH AN
IMPORTANT ROLE IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE COMMUNITY THAT BOTH THE
RESIDENTS AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATORS IDENTIFY HIM AS THEIR
TOWN SHERIFF. A RECENT EXAMPLE WAS HIS EFFORT TO MITIGATE THE
USE OF LARGE GARBAGE TRUCKS ON SMALL RESIDENTIAL ROADS WITHIN
THE CITY. ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT A CONVENTIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
ISSUE, DEPUTY BICKEL WAS ABLE TO FACILITATE THE USE OF SMALLER
TRUCKS, WORKING WITH THE RESIDENTS, THE CITY AND THE GARBAGE
COMPANY. DEPUTY BICKEL HAS TAKEN IT UPON HIMSELF TO GO THE
EXTRA MILE TIME AND AGAIN SIMPLY BECAUSE HE BELIEVES THAT WHAT
HE IS DOING IS THE RIGHT THING FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE
COMMUNITY WHICH HE SERVES. AND I WANT TO CONGRATULATE DEPUTY
JAMES BICKEL AND GIVE HIM A HAND. [APPLAUSE.]

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CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY: OUR SECOND RECIPIENT IS THE FIELD
OFFICES TEAM FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. THE
TEAM COMPRISED OF TODD CLARK, JAIME CUEVAS, JAMES KNOLLS,
URIEL MENDOZA, CAESAR RINCON AND MICHAEL TRIP, PROVIDE



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1 CRITICALLY NEEDED SERVICES IN THE NINE FIELD OFFICES LOCATED
2 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THESE PLANNERS HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY
3 ENHANCED SERVICES AND PROVIDED SUBSTANTIAL COST SAVINGS TO THE
4 LOCAL COMMUNITY BY EXPANDING OFFICE HOURS AND ACCEPTING AND
5 REVIEWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS IN THE FIELD, THEREBY
6 ELIMINATING THE NEED FOR CONSTITUENTS TO MAKE TIME-CONSUMING
7 AND COSTLY TRIPS TO THE DOWNTOWN HEADQUARTERS. THEY ALSO
8 CREATED THE EXPEDITED AND STREAMLINED ZONING CONFORMANCE
9 REVIEW PROCEDURE, OFTEN APPROVING PLANS IMMEDIATELY OVER-THE-
10 COUNTER WHILE COLLABORATING CLOSELY WITH BUILDING AND SAFETY
11 AND OTHER COUNTY AGENCIES TO HELP PROVIDE AN ENHANCED ONE-STOP
12 PROCEDURE FOR CUSTOMERS TO OBTAIN APPROVALS. THE PLANNERS WORK
13 ENTHUSIASTICALLY WITHOUT ON SITE CLERICAL OR SUPERVISORY
14 SUPPORT. PROVIDING IMPROVED SERVICES COULD NOT HAVE BEEN
15 ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT THIS TEAM'S DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO
16 SERVING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AGAIN,
17 CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FIELD OFFICES TEAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT
18 OF REGIONAL PLANNING. LET'S GIVE THEM A HAND. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, FOR THE CATEGORY
21 OF WORKFORCE EXCELLENCE, IT'S A PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THE
22 UNSECURED PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS
23 INVESTIGATORS. SOUNDS LIKE A ROCK BAND. [LAUGHTER.] FROM THE
24 DEPARTMENT OF TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR. THE TEAM'S PRIMARY
25 FUNCTION TO COLLECT DELINQUENT, UNSECURED PERSONAL PROPERTY



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1 TAXES. THIS RESPONSIBILITY REQUIRES A DELICATE BALANCE BETWEEN
2 AGGRESSIVE COLLECTIONS TECHNIQUES AND THE HIGH CUSTOMER
3 SERVICE LEVELS EXPECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT. THE TEAM, BY
4 REFINING COLLECTION TECHNIQUES AND CREATING A NEW BLANKET
5 SEIZURE PROGRAM, INCREASED THE REVENUE COLLECTION BY 46% OVER
6 LAST YEAR, ALMOST DOUBLING THE ORIGINAL GOAL OF 25%. THEY
7 SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED A NEW SEIZURE PROGRAM THAT RESULTED
8 IN \$954,515 OF SEIZED REVENUE. SEIZURES GENERALLY ONLY RESULT
9 IN PAYMENTS OF THE MONIES AVAILABLE IN THE ACCOUNTS SEIZED.
10 DUE TO THE EXPERT NEGOTIATIONS BY A TEAM MEMBER, ONE ACCOUNT,
11 WHICH WAS SUCCESSFULLY SEIZED FOR \$15,000, RESULTED IN A
12 PAYMENT OF \$400,000. THE TEAM'S OVERALL COLLECTION FIGURE FOR
13 THE FISCAL YEAR '06/'07 WAS \$28,627,052 COMPARED TO \$19.3
14 MILLION FOR FISCAL YEAR '05/'06. THE TEAM MEMBERS ARE VIVIAN
15 RECENDES, BILLY TOWNS, OSCAR ESTRADA, CHARLES ALMADOR, DAVID
16 LORENZ, JAMES GOMEZ, YOLANDA MAYORES, JESSE SOLEM, ALFONSO
17 SALAZAR, SANDRA JAMES, AND ROBERT KELLY. THEY PUT REAL MONEY
18 BACK IN THE -- MONEY THAT'S OWED US IN THE TREASURY SO THAT WE
19 CAN CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE VITAL SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE OF
20 THIS COUNTY AND WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GIVE THEM A HAND.

21 [APPLAUSE.]

22
23 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP
2 SHAD MESHAD, FOUNDER/PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL VETERANS, TO JOIN
3 THE BOARD AS WE HONOR VETERANS' DAY. MR. MESHAD HAS BEEN
4 WORKING WITH THE VETERANS SINCE 1970. HE WAS A CAPTAIN IN THE
5 VIETNAM WAR, WHERE HE COUNSELED SOLDIERS IN THE FIELD WHO WERE
6 SUFFERING FROM MULTIPLE PSYCHOLOGICAL, EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS
7 RESULTING FROM THEIR EXPERIENCE IN COMBAT. FOR HIS COMBAT
8 SERVICE, HE RECEIVED THE BRONZE STARS AMONG OTHERS. HE FOUNDED
9 THE VIETNAM VETERANS' AID ASSOCIATION, WHICH IS A NONPROFIT
10 HUMAN SERVICE ORGANIZATION. THEY HELP VETERANS AND FAMILIES IN
11 NEED WITH A VARIETY OF ISSUES. AND BY 1992, THE VIETNAM
12 VETERANS' AID FOUNDATION HAD BECOME A RECOGNIZED RESOURCE FOR
13 THE VETERANS OF ALL WARS WHO WERE STRUGGLING AND THEREFORE
14 CHANGED ITS NAME TO THE NATIONAL VETERANS' FOUNDATION. ON THIS
15 89TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARMISTICE DAY, WHICH MARKED THE END OF ALL
16 MAJOR HOSTILITIES IN WORLD WAR I, WE PAY TRIBUTE TO THE 50
17 MILLION MEN AND WOMEN THROUGHOUT OUR NATIONS WHO HAVE SERVED
18 THEIR COUNTRY IN THE ARMED FORCES, THE HIGHEST RESPONSIBILITY
19 OF CITIZENSHIP. EACH AND EVERY VETERAN OF MILITARY SERVICE
20 FOUGHT FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITIES
21 AND LIBERTY THAT MAKES OUR REPUBLIC GREAT. WITH THEIR SERVICE,
22 THEIR SACRIFICE, AND COURAGE, OUR VETERANS HAVE EARNED OUR
23 PERMANENT GRATITUDE AND RESPECT. VETERANS DAY WILL GIVE US THE
24 OPPORTUNITY TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO SACRIFICED FOR OUR FREEDOM,
25 TO SHARE OUR RESPECT FOR THOSE MEN AND WOMEN STILL LIVING IN



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1 OUR COMMUNITY AND ALSO RECOGNIZE THOSE WHO'VE PASSED ON. WE
2 OWE OUR PROSPEROUS AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE TO THE SELFLESS
3 DEVOTION OF OUR AMERICAN VETERANS. TODAY, OUR VETERANS IN
4 WORLD WAR I AND KOREA, WORLD WAR II, VIETNAM, DESERT STORM,
5 IRAQ FREEDOM AND GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM IN AFGHANISTAN, IRAQ,
6 AND AROUND THE WORLD, THOUSANDS OF SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AIRMEN,
7 AND MARINES HAVE DEDICATED THEMSELVES TO THE DEFENSE OF OUR
8 COUNTRY. WE HONOR EACH OF THOSE WHO HAVE WILLINGLY PLACED
9 THEMSELVES IN HARM'S WAY BRAVELY AND SELFLESSLY DEFENDING OUR
10 REPUBLIC. WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, THOSE WHO ARE WITH
11 US TODAY AND THOSE CURRENTLY SERVING TO ADVANCE OUR RESOLVE TO
12 PRESERVE LIBERTY. I KNOW MANY OF OUR COMMUNITIES WILL BE
13 HAVING VARIOUS VETERANS EVENTS. I KNOW AT FOREST LAWN IN
14 HOLLYWOOD HILLS, THEY WILL BE HAVING ONE AT 11 O'CLOCK, WHICH
15 THEY DO EVERY VETERANS DAY AT THEIR HOLLYWOOD HILLS, FOREST
16 LAWN. BUT AGAIN, THERE WILL BE MANY OTHERS THROUGHOUT OUR
17 COMMUNITY. AND WE WISH THAT EVERYBODY WILL BE ABLE TO PARTAKE
18 IN ONE OF THOSE IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. SO THANK YOU.

19 [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **SHAD MESHAD:** I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I WANT
22 TO THANK ALL THE VETERANS THAT ARE IN THE ROOM AND THOSE ALL
23 OVER THE COUNTRY AND ALL OVER THE WORLD AND TO OUR SOLDIERS.
24 THE NATIONAL VETERANS FOUNDATION OPERATES A SEVEN DAY A WEEK
25 12-HOUR HOTLINE FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES ALL OVER THE



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1 UNITED STATES. AND EVEN NOW TO OUR SOLDIERS THAT ARE ABLE TO
2 REACH US, WE OFFER A VARIETY OF ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING
3 SERVICES THEY NEED. I WANT TO ALSO THANK COLONEL JOE SMITH,
4 WHO HAS PLAYED A BIG ROLE IN VETERANS IN THIS COUNTY AND
5 ACTUALLY ALL OVER. AND ONCE AGAIN, FOR MANY OF YOU, AS A
6 VIETNAM VETERAN, THAT IS THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIETNAM
7 VET MEMORIAL, WHICH IT TOOK MANY YEARS FOR US TO GET. AND I
8 WANT TO SALUTE ALL OF THOSE EFFORTS THERE, AND ALSO TO THE
9 COUNTY. WE HAVE THE LARGEST VETERAN POPULATION IN THIS CITY,
10 OF ANY CITY IN THE UNITED STATES. AND THE STATE HAS THE
11 LARGEST VETERAN POPULATION. MANY OF THOSE, AS WE SPEAK, ARE
12 GIVING THEIR LIVES FOR THE FREEDOM THAT YOU FOLKS REPRESENT
13 AND ADMINISTER FOR US. WE APPRECIATE THAT. WHILE WE FIGHT THE
14 RE-ADJUSTMENT FOR OUR VETERANS COMING HOME, WE APPRECIATE YOU
15 FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHTS AND FOR THE INTEGRITY OF THESE MEN AND
16 WOMEN AS THEY RETURN. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL, REALLY, FOR
17 TAKING A MOMENT IN SUCH A BUSY SCHEDULE TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR
18 VETS ON THIS COMING VETERANS DAY 2007. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
19 [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HERE WE HAVE, THIS IS A BRITTANY SPANIEL.
22 HER NAME IS AMY. SHE'S 12 WEEKS OLD. SHE'S FULL OF VIGOR. SO
23 ANYBODY WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT AMY, YOU CAN CALL THE
24 TELEPHONE NUMBER AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR SCREEN. 562-728-4644.
25 OR ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE AMY.



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1 AND SHE'S A LITTLE BROWN AND WHITE LITTLE SPANIEL. OKAY.

2 STEVE? MAYBE SHE WOULD LIKE TO GO TO VENTURA COUNTY?

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4 **SPEAKER:** I'VE ADOPTED ONE.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, YOU NEVER CAN STOP WITH ONE.

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8 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THAT IT, MIKE, FOR YOU? NO MORE

9 PRESENTATIONS?

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ALL.

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13 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS NO PRESENTATIONS.

14 YVONNE, DO YOU HAVE ANY PRESENTATIONS? ANY PRESENTATIONS FOR

15 YOU? NO. OKAY. SO WE HAVE THE AGENDA BEFORE US. I'M UP FIRST.

16 I HAVE SEVERAL ADJOURNING MOTIONS THIS MORNING. FIRST LIKE TO

17 ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JONATHAN MOORE, RETIRED LONG-

18 TIME TEACHER IN THE SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL

19 DISTRICT, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 60. THE TEACHER OF

20 MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND JOHN ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL AND WAS

21 HONORED AS THE DISTRICT'S FIRST EVER "TEACHER OF THE YEAR"

22 AWARD BACK IN 1982. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE CATHY, TWO

23 CHILDREN, MELISSA AND JONATHAN, THREE BROTHERS, DOUGLAS, ED,

24 AND STEVE, AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. LOWELL DENNIS

25 SMITH, A BALLET DANCER AND TEACHER, WHO FOR SOME YEARS WAS



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1 PRINCIPAL DANCER WITH THE DANCE THEATER OF HARLEM, AND LATER
2 WAS DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY SCHOOL, RECENTLY SUCCUMBED AT THE
3 AGE OF 56 TO LUNG CANCER AT UCLA MEDICAL CENTER. HE WAS BORN
4 IN MEMPHIS IN 1951, STUDIED DANCE AT THE NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL
5 OF THE ARTS IN WINSTON-SALEM AND WENT ON TO PERFORM AS A
6 DANCER AND ACTOR IN MEMPHIS AND LATER WITH THE EGLEVSKY BALLET
7 OF LONG ISLAND. HE HAS HAD AN EXTENSIVE CAREER IN DANCE. HE IS
8 SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER, DOROTHY SMITH, AND TWO SISTERS, PAMELA
9 D. SMITH AND JUNE SMITH FLOYD. JAMES BARDWIL DIED AT THE AGE
10 OF 58. BORN AND RAISED IN SHERMAN OAKS. HE SERVED AS AN ALTAR
11 BOY AND ATTENDED SEMINARY SCHOOL BEFORE DISCOVERING HIS TRUE
12 CALLING OF ADVERTISING, COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING. A TRUE
13 SON OF THE VALLEY, HE ATTENDED NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL, PIERCE
14 COLLEGE AND CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE BEFORE BEGINNING HIS CAREER
15 AT THE ROGERS AND COWAN PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM. HE WENT ON TO
16 OTHER NATIONAL AND MULTINATIONAL FIRMS BEFORE LAUNCHING HIS
17 OWN COMPANY, AMBITION GROUP, WHERE HE HELPED BOTH YOUNG
18 STARTUPS AND ESTABLISHED FIRMS DIFFERENTIATING THEMSELVES FROM
19 THE COMPETITION BY CREATING UNIQUE AND DISTINCT BRAND
20 IDENTITIES FOR THEIR PRODUCTS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE
21 JUNE, TWO DAUGHTERS, ALEXIS AND SAMANTHA, FOUR SISTERS, AND
22 OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. AND HIS PARENTS MARILYN AND JOE.
23 GRACIELA DE LA O DIED AT THE AGE OF 66 AFTER WAGING A LONG AND
24 VALIANT FIGHT AGAINST CANCER AND PULMONARY FIBROSIS. IN 1989,
25 WHEN HER BROTHER OSCAR DE LA O, WHO MOST OF US KNOW HERE,



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1 RALLIED THE LATINO COMMUNITY TO CREATE THE SOCIAL SERVICE
2 AGENCY BIENESTAR. IN THE MIDST OF THE AIDS CRISIS, GRACE PUT
3 UP THE DEPOSIT AND INITIAL RENT PAYMENTS TO COVER THE
4 FLEDGLING ORGANIZATION'S OFFICE EXPENSES. BIENESTAR HAS SINCE
5 GROWN INTO ONE OF OUR REGION'S HIV/AIDS PROVIDERS, ASSISTING
6 THOUSANDS OF CLIENTS THROUGH THE YEARS. GRACE WAS ALWAYS ONE
7 OF ITS LEADING VOLUNTEERS AND FUNDRAISERS. SHE WAS BORN IN
8 MEXICO IN 1941, AS THE OLDEST OF FOUR CHILDREN. AND SHE AND
9 HER FAMILY EMIGRATED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1959. SHE GRADUATED
10 FROM HOLLYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL AND L.A. CITY COLLEGE AND IS
11 SURVIVED BY HER FATHER, HER SISTER, THREE BROTHERS AND MANY
12 NEPHEWS AND NIECES. ROBERT GOULET, THE LEGENDARY BROADWAY
13 SINGER, WHO SHOT TO STARDOM IN 1960 ON THE STRENGTH OF HIS
14 MEMORABLE PERFORMANCE AS LANCELOT IN THE ORIGINAL PRODUCTION
15 OF CAMELOT, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 73. HE WAS ONLY 27 WHEN
16 HE LANDED THE ROLE PLAYING OPPOSITE JULIE ANDREWS AS GUENEVERE
17 AND RICHARD BURTON AS KING ARTHUR. AND THE REST WAS, AS THEY
18 SAY, HISTORY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE VERA NOVAK AND THREE
19 CHILDREN FROM PREVIOUS MARRIAGES, A DAUGHTER, NICOLETTE, AND
20 TWO SONS, MICHAEL AND CHRISTOPHER AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN,
21 JORDAN AND SOLANGE.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ADD ME TO ROBERT GOULET.

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1 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. ALL MEMBERS. DANA NICOLE KOVARIK,
2 LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT, A TERRESTRIAL AND
3 PLANETARY GEOLOGIST WHO RECENTLY DIED AT THE AGE OF 33. A BORN
4 TRAVELER FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD, SHE QUICKLY DEVELOPED WHAT
5 BECAME A LIFE-LONG DEVOTION TO AND A FASCINATION WITH SPACE
6 SCIENCE. IT WAS AN INTEREST THAT CARRIED HER THROUGH SMITH
7 COLLEGE, WHERE SHE EARNED A BACHELOR'S IN GEOLOGY TO A
8 POSITION AT GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY AND BACK TO UCLA, WHERE SHE
9 WAS PART OF THE MARS POLAR LANDER PROJECT AND EARNED HER
10 MASTER'S IN GEOLOGY WITH A THESIS INVESTIGATING THE PRESENCE
11 OF WATER ON MARS BASED ON THE MARS GLOBAL SURVEYOR
12 PHOTOGRAPHS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER MOTHER, LINDA, A LONG-TIME
13 TEACHER IN THE SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND
14 MANY FRIENDS. MARY EDITH O'CONNOR, THE MOTHER OF ANN O'CONNOR,
15 WHO IS THE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DIRECTOR FOR NBC/UNIVERSAL. I
16 THINK ALL OF US KNOW ANN. IT'S HER MOTHER WHO PASSED AWAY. WE
17 JUST LEARNED OF IT THIS MORNING, AND I'LL GET YOU THE
18 INFORMATION. I THINK ALL MEMBERS WANT TO BE ON THAT ONE. THOSE
19 ARE MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.
20 I'D LIKE TO PLACE ON THE TABLE A MOTION BY MYSELF AND MISS
21 MOLINA. AND I THINK I'M NOT GOING TO READ THE WHOLE THING. I'M
22 GOING TO ASK THAT WE CALENDAR IT FOR TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY, NOT
23 NEXT WEEK BECAUSE I WILL NOT BE HERE NEXT WEEK, BUT THE WORK
24 WILL GO ON PREPARATORY TO IT. IT'S A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT OF
25 THE SKID ROW AREA DEALING WITH HOMELESSNESS. AND THE MOTION IS



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1 REASONABLY SELF-EXPLANATORY. IT EMANATES FROM A CONFERENCE
2 THAT WE HAD HERE ABOUT A MONTH AGO, LITTLE OVER A MONTH AGO
3 WITH FOLKS FROM ALL OVER OUR COUNTY FAMILY AND FROM CITIES AND
4 COUNTIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. AND IT'S AIMED AT IDENTIFYING
5 THE 50 MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE ON SKID ROW, HOMELESS PEOPLE ON
6 SKID ROW, AND PROVIDING PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND
7 SERVICES FOR THEM. SO EVERYBODY HAS BEEN WORKING ON IT.
8 SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S OFFICE HAS BEEN EXTREMELY ENGAGED IN THIS.
9 I'VE SPOKEN TO THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES, CITY OF LOS ANGELES,
10 ABOUT THIS. THEY HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN TEEING THIS
11 UP. AND WE HOPE THAT IN THE NEXT 30 TO 45 DAYS, WITH THE
12 APPROVAL OF OUR END OF IT AND THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY'S END
13 OF IT, WE'LL HAVE A PROGRAM THAT IDENTIFIES THE 50 MOST
14 VULNERABLE FOLKS, HOMELESS FOLKS ON SKID ROW AND GET THEM INTO
15 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, A MODEL THAT HAS BEEN USED
16 SUCCESSFULLY IN OTHER CITIES. SO THAT WILL BE FOR NOVEMBER
17 20TH. THAT WILL GIVE EVERYBODY A CHANCE TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT
18 IN THE MEANTIME. WE HAVE -- CAN WE GET THE PUBLIC HEARING
19 HOLDS THAT WE HAVE? THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE ASKED TO BE HERE,
20 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HOLDS?

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IF YOU WANT TO CALL UP 1, 33 AND 39,
23 THEY'RE ALL THE SAME INDIVIDUAL.



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1 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** 1, 33 AND 39. LET'S TAKE THOSE UP? MR.
2 SACHS?

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4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I
5 UNDERSTAND YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE ALL THREE OF THESE ITEMS THAT
6 I WISH TO SPEAK OF UP AT THE SAME TIME, EVEN THOUGH THAT'S
7 REALLY NOT FAIR TO THE PUBLIC. I WILL SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER,
8 THE FIRST ITEM IS THE APPOINTMENT OF MARK ARTUROVICH TO THE
9 ACCESSIBILITY APPEALS BOARD. MY CONCERNS, AS I'VE BEEN BEFORE
10 YOU ON ANYTHING DEALING WITH THE ACCESS SERVICES, IS HOW CAN
11 HE BE ON AN APPEALS BOARD WHEN YOU HAVE, ACCORDING TO
12 INFORMATION FROM THE MTA, THE ACCESS SERVICES IS A SERVICE
13 THAT WAS STARTED IN 1980 -- EXCUSE ME ONE SECOND. COULD YOU
14 PLEASE HOLD MY TIME? ACCESS SERVICES INCORPORATED. THIS
15 SERVICE IS DESIGNED EXCLUSIVELY FOR PASSENGERS REQUIRING
16 SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES AND SERVICES MANDATED BY THE
17 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. ORIGINALLY MANAGED BY THE
18 LACMTA, THE DEPARTMENT WAS RESTRUCTURED AS A NONPROFIT
19 INDEPENDENT AGENCY UNDER THE NAME ACCESS SERVICES IN 1994.
20 YET, IN NUMEROUS MEETINGS THAT ARE OCCURRING, THIS IS FROM THE
21 COMMISSION ON DISABILITY, CITY OF LOS ANGELES COMMISSION ON
22 DISABILITY, DISCUSSING REGARDING AUDIT OF ACCESS SERVICES
23 INCORPORATED. AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE SOUTHWEST CENTRAL
24 REGION ACCESS SERVICES INCORPORATED. THE MTA BOARD MEETING HAD
25 A REGIONAL INTEGRATION OF PARATRANSIT RESOURCES ACCESS



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1 SERVICES INCORPORATED. THERE WAS A MEETING AT THE MTA BOARD
2 FOR SEPTEMBER 27. A VILLARAIGOSA MOTION TO CONDUCT A
3 PERFORMANCE AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT OF ACCESS SERVICE
4 INCORPORATED. YET, THE NOTICE FROM THE LOS ANGELES TRANSIT
5 HEARING AGAIN SAYS THAT ACCESS SERVICES WAS RESTRUCTURED AS A
6 NONPROFIT IN 1994. AND YOUR INABILITY TO ADDRESS THIS AS TWO
7 DIFFERENT ITEMS JUST DOES NOT BODE WELL FOR THE PUBLIC'S
8 INTEREST. THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO SAY. SO I'M CURIOUS TO FIND
9 OUT IF THIS PERSON BEING APPOINTED TO THE ACCESSIBILITY
10 APPEALS BOARD WILL BE HEARING APPEALS FROM ACCESS SERVICES
11 INCORPORATED OR ACCESS SERVICES AS NOTICED BY COUNTY
12 INFORMATION AND CITY INFORMATION, THEY ARE TWO DIFFERENT
13 ORGANIZATIONS.

14

15 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, THANK YOU. WE HAVE ITEMS 1, 33 AND
16 39 BEFORE US. IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION?

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18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON 33.

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20 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** HAVE YOU NOT SPOKE SPOKEN ON ALL OF
21 THEM?

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23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** NO, THAT'S JUST THE--

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1 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL YOU TOOK 3-1/2 MINUTES ON ONE. SO
2 I'LL GIVE YOU ANOTHER MINUTE ON THE OTHER TWO.

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4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** BUT YOU CALLED THEM ALL AT THE SAME TIME, SIR.

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6 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** I DID.

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8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** SO IF I'M BEING CALLED UP ALL AT THE SAME TIME,
9 I BEING ALLOWED TO SPEAK ON EACH ONE, GETS INDIVIDUAL TIME.

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11 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, WE'RE TRYING TO FACILITATE YOUR
12 TIME.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT. SO I'LL SPEAK ON
15 NUMBER 33 RIGHT NOW, ALSO.

16

17 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. GIVE THEM A MINUTE AND A HALF
18 FOR THE OTHER TWO, BECAUSE WE GAVE HIM 3-1/2 ON THE OTHER ONE.
19 I'M SORRY, MR. SACHS, YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT BY OUR RULES.

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WELL THE RULES ARE THAT YOU GET CALLED UP FOR
22 EACH ITEM.

23

24 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. THE RULES ARE THAT WE CALLED YOU UP
25 TO SPEAK ON THREE ITEMS. AND WE GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO



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1 SAY WHAT YOU WANT TO SAY ABOUT THOSE THREE ITEMS IN THE TIME
2 ALLOTTED. YOU WANT TO SPEAK TO THE OTHER TWO ITEMS, PROCEED.
3 START HIS TIME.

4

5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OKAY. ON ITEM NUMBER 33, I'D JUST LIKE TO POINT
6 OUT RIGHT ACROSS FROM THE PAGE ON NUMBER 29, FINANCIAL
7 SERVICES CAN BE PERFORMED MORE ECONOMICALLY BY AN INDEPENDENT
8 CONTRACTOR. APPROVE AND INSTRUCT THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AN
9 AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH TRUE GREEN LANDSCAPING. ON ITEM
10 NUMBER 33 IT SAYS FIND THAT THE SERVICES CONTINUE TO BE
11 PERFORMED MORE ECONOMICALLY BY AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.
12 APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE
13 AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH THE WATTS LABOR COMMUNITY ACTION
14 COMMITTEE. WHO IS THE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR IN THIS CASE? IS
15 THAT WOULD BE THE WATTS LABOR COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE? AND
16 ALSO THAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT SPENDING \$462,000, WHICH COMES TO
17 \$77,000 PER MONTH WITH AN ADDITIONAL 30 PERCENT OF THE
18 CONTRACT. BASICALLY \$100,000 PER MONTH FOR RENTALS? THE BUSES
19 ARE BEING PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY. WHY WOULD THE-- IF THE
20 COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE BUSES, IF THEY HAVE BUSES THAT ARE OUT OF
21 SERVICE, WHY WOULD NOT THE COUNTY PROVIDE MORE BUSES? WHY
22 WOULD THERE HAVE TO BE A RENTAL THAT COSTS \$30,000 FOR
23 ADDITIONAL FUNDING? AND ACTUALLY I'M NOT EVEN CONCERNED ABOUT
24 THIS, BECAUSE IT'S THE WATTS LABOR COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE,
25 I'M CONCERNED THAT THERE'S ANOTHER COMMITTEE, THE EAST SIDE,



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1 THE GOLD LINE EAST SIDE EXTENSION COMMITTEE. IS THAT ALSO A
2 PUBLIC CONTRACTOR? AND THEY PERFORM THEIR SERVICES LESS THAN
3 THE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITIES.

4

5 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, THANK YOU. WE NOW HAVE THE ITEMS
6 1, 33 AND 39 BEFORE US. IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION? IF NOT,
7 ANTONOVICH MOVES, BURKE SECONDS; WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS
8 VOTE. THAT'S ALL I HAVE. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU'RE UP.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN
11 MEMORY OF FORMER MAYOR GINGER BREMBERG OF GLENDALE, WHO PASSED
12 AWAY AT 81 THIS PAST WEEK. GINGER WAS VERY ENERGETIC,
13 OUTSPOKEN, MUCH OF A LEADER. SHE TOOK THE ISSUE OF WASTE
14 MANAGEMENT AS ONE OF HER MAJOR ISSUES, AND AS A RESULT BECAME
15 AN AUTHORITY IN THAT AREA. HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS WERE MANY. SHE
16 WAS INVOLVED WITH THE GLENDALE GALLERIA. SHE HAD PUSHED FOR
17 THE HILLSIDE ORDINANCE, WAS A MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA WASTE
18 MANAGEMENT BOARD BETWEEN 1985 AND 1990. BY THEN, GOVERNOR
19 DEUKMEJIAN, AND SERVED AS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF OUR LOS
20 ANGELES COUNTY TASKFORCE ON INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT FROM
21 1992 THROUGH 2001. SHE WAS A DYNAMIC LEADER, A WONDERFUL
22 FRIEND AND SUPPORTER. AND SHE LEAVES HER TWO CHILDREN, CHUCK
23 AND BLAIR AND THEIR FAMILIES. SHE WAS KNOWN AS THE FIRST LADY
24 OF GLENDALE AND WILL BE MISSED. ALSO, JACK MURPHY, FORMER
25 MAYOR OF LANCASTER, WHO PASSED AWAY TODAY AT THE AGE OF 81.



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1 ALSO, A GREAT LEADER IN ANTELOPE VALLEY, QUITE INVOLVED WITH
2 HIS FAMILY, AND PROVIDED CONSTRUCTIVE LEADERSHIP WHEN HE WAS A
3 MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR FOR LANCASTER. MARY
4 RICHARD WHISTLER. SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 88. SHE WAS
5 ACTIVE IN GLENDALE'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WHERE SHE PRACTICED OB-
6 GYN. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE RED CROSS, THE GLENDALE SYMPHONY,
7 ACTIVE IN THE REPUBLIC WOMEN, WOMEN'S FEDERATED, AND GLENDALE
8 MEMORIAL MEDICAL STAFF AND FACULTY AT USC'S MEDICAL SCHOOL
9 WERE HER INTERESTS. SHE WAS QUITE INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY
10 AND ACTIVE IN HER CHURCH, AT ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH. EVAN
11 MCLEAN, WHO PASSED AWAY ALSO. FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER
12 OF COMMERCE IN GLENDALE. PAST PRESIDENT OF THE VERDUGO CLUB
13 AND GATEWAY KIWANIS CLUB. QUITE ACTIVE. HE WAS A PRINTER OF MY
14 FIRST EFFORTS WHEN I RAN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE AND QUITE INVOLVED
15 IN THE COMMUNITY. SIGMUND DONALD HERMAN, WHO OWNED S.D. HERMAN
16 COMPANY, AN INDUSTRIAL REAL ESTATE AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
17 COMPANY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR THE PAST 50 YEARS, PASSED
18 AWAY YESTERDAY. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE CATHEDRAL CHAPEL
19 CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR 55 YEARS AND SUPPORTER OF ST. JOHN OF GOD
20 HOSPITAL FOUNDATION, THE GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER FOR HOMELESS
21 WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND THE CATHEDRAL CHAPEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
22 AND CHARITIES. HE FOUNDED THE AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL REAL ESTATE
23 ASSOCIATION AND SERVED ON THE L.A. BOARD OF REALTORS. HIS
24 DEGREE WAS IN ARCHITECTURE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
25 AND SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY DURING WORLD WAR II. HE



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1 WAS A GOOD FRIEND AND GOOD SUPPORTER. GRACIELA DE LA O, WHO
2 WAS BORN IN MEXICO, MOVED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1959 AS A GRADUATE
3 FROM HOLLYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE AND THEN
4 WORKED FOR INTERSTATE BRANDS AND MILLER BREWERY COMPANY WHERE
5 HER BROTHER OSCAR HAD CREATED BIENESTAR IN 1989 DURING THE
6 AIDS CRISIS. OVER THE NEXT 19 YEARS SHE PROVIDED MANY HOURS OF
7 SUPPORT AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMS THAT HELPED THOSE.
8 SHE WAS RECOGNIZED AS THEIR LEADING VOLUNTEER. SHE LEAVES HER
9 FATHER, SISTER AND TWO BROTHERS. MARILYN SCHNERRING, 17 YEAR
10 EMPLOYEE OF SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, A CASTAIC RESIDENT. MOTHER
11 OF BELINDA SKIPP, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
12 AND PASSED AWAY OCTOBER 31ST AT HER HOME AFTER A LONG BATTLE
13 WITH CANCER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER TWO DAUGHTERS, BELINDA AND
14 NAOMI, AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. WYLA DORN WELL KNOWN FORMER
15 RESIDENT OF GLENDALE AND SANTA BARBARA, CONSIDERED GLENDALE
16 HER HOMETOWN AFTER MOVING HERE IN 1935 WHERE SHE FOUNDED WHAT
17 BECAME DORN, PLATZ AND COMPANY, A REAL ESTATE COMPANY. SHE WAS
18 A MEMBER OF THE TOAST MASTERS, PRESIDENT OF THE GLENDALE
19 MEMORIAL HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER WOMEN'S GUILD AND GLENDALE WOMEN'S
20 CIVIC LEAGUE. SHE ALSO COMPOSED POETRY AND WAS OFTEN ASKED TO
21 PERFORM AT MANY EVENTS. SHE SAID, WHEN INTERVIEWED BY A
22 REPORTER, SAID "MANY PEOPLE GO THROUGH THEIR LIVES NOT KNOWING
23 THAT EVERY PERSON IN THE WORLD HAS A TALENT WITHIN THEM THAT
24 THEY ARE NOT EVEN AWARE OF." SHE LEAVES HER TWO CHILDREN,



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1 CAROLEE AND DEAN DORN. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL. THOSE ARE MY
2 ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

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4 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS BILL HERE? OKAY.

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8 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. FUJIOKA?

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YESTERDAY THE GOVERNOR MADE AN ANNOUNCEMENT
11 ORDERING ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS TO DRAFT PLANS FOR SPENDING
12 CUTS AFTER RECEIVING WORD THAT THE DEFICIT SPENDING OF THE
13 STATE BUDGET HAS REACHED A CATASTROPHIC AREA, AND HE IS
14 PROJECTING 10% ACROSS-THE-BOARD CUTS. COULD YOU PERHAPS
15 PREPARE A REPORT FOR THE BOARD AS TO HOW THOSE POTENTIAL CUTS
16 COULD IMPACT THE COUNTY?

17

18 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE WILL. AND WE'RE ON TRACK, IN FACT, TO
19 REPORT BACK TO THIS BOARD AFTER WE RECEIVE OUR FIRST LARGE
20 RECEIPTS IN THE BEGINNING OF DECEMBER, WHEN THE FIRST PROPERTY
21 TAX RECEIPTS COME IN. SO AFTER THAT PERIOD, WE'LL HAVE THE
22 BASIS TO PROVIDE A MORE COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF OUR
23 REVENUE PROJECTIONS AND WHERE WE'LL BE AT NOT ONLY FOR THIS
24 YEAR BUT NEXT YEAR.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THAT WILL FACTOR IN IN OUR BUDGET THE NEXT
2 24 MONTHS RELATIVE TO WHAT THE STATE ANTICIPATIONS COULD BE?

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4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AND WE'LL WORK CLOSELY WITH THE STATE TO FIND
5 OUT WHAT THEY'LL ADDRESS AND HOW IT WILL IMPACT OUR COUNTY.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN ON ITEM 15, MR. LAMBERTSON? GOOD
8 MORNING. THE QUESTION IS THIS IS A MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT
9 WITH 24 COMPANIES BUT THE CONTRACT GOES THROUGH 2015 WITH A
10 TWO-YEAR EXTENSION. IS THERE A PROVISION WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE
11 COUNTY TO ADD ADDITIONAL VENDORS PRIOR TO 2017? AND IF SO,
12 WHAT IS THAT PROCESS?

13

14 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS
15 DAVE LAMBERTSON, I'M THE DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL SERVICES
16 DEPARTMENT. WITH ME IS HOWARD TROY, DIVISION MANAGER FOR
17 ENERGY MANAGEMENT. YES, AS IS THE CASE WITH ALL OF OUR MASTER
18 AGREEMENTS, VENDORS CAN QUALIFY DURING THE TERM OF THE
19 AGREEMENT. HOWARD'S FOLKS CONSTANTLY SEEK VENDORS BASED ON
20 CHANGES IN TECHNOLOGY. AND IT'S ALSO POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE SO
21 THAT THEY KNOW TO SEEK QUALIFICATION.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** INITIAL FUNDING APPEARS TO BE \$11 MILLION
24 WITH \$5 MILLION FROM THE UTILITIES BUDGET AND \$6 MILLION FROM



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1 A GRANT FROM THE CPUC. HOW MANY YEARS DO YOU ESTIMATE THE \$11
2 MILLION WILL LAST?

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4 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** I WOULD THINK WE WOULD SPEND THAT DOWN WITHIN
5 24 MONTHS. WE HAVE GOTTEN A LITTLE OVER \$61 MILLION SINCE 1995
6 THROUGH A COMBINATION OF CPUC GRANTS AND SOME COUNTY MONEY.
7 TYPICALLY THAT AMOUNT WOULD TAKE TWO YEARS TO SPEND DOWN.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. I'LL MOVE THE ITEM, BUT I'D LIKE TO
10 AMEND IT TO HAVE THE C.E.O. REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ANNUALLY
11 ON DIRECT SAVINGS GENERATED AS A RESULT OF THESE ENERGY
12 EFFICIENCY SERVICES.

13

14 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

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16 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE AMENDMENT IS
17 INCLUDED AND WE HAVE THE ITEM BEFORE US. ANTONOVICH MOVES,
18 I'LL SECOND; WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM NUMBER 53.

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22 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** 53.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MY QUESTION IS PETERSEN HAS WANTED THEIR
25 VEHICLES OUT OF THEIR BASEMENT FOR A LONG TIME. AND THIS WOULD



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1 CONCLUDE THAT TRANSFER. BUT MY QUESTION IS: WHAT ARE THE
2 MUSEUM'S PLANS FOR THOSE AUTOMOBILES THAT WOULD BE STORED?
3 WILL THEY BE SOLD OR RESTORED FOR THE PUBLIC TO VIEW? AND WHAT
4 IS THE TIME PERIOD TO DETERMINE WHICH CARS WOULD REMAIN A PART
5 OF THE COLLECTION?

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7 **LARI SHEEHAN:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, LARI
8 SHEEHAN WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE. THE NATURAL HISTORY
9 MUSEUM WILL BE ASSUMING BACK 61 OF THE 67 VEHICLES OF THE
10 COUNTY OWNERSHIP. THEY PLAN TO ASSESS THOSE VEHICLES AND
11 DETERMINE WHICH OF THEM CAN BE PUT ON DISPLAY EITHER AT THE
12 NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OR OTHER MUSEUMS THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN
13 CALIFORNIA, AS WELL AS LOOK AT WHAT VEHICLES CAN BE SOLD AND
14 OTHERS THAT MAY NEED RESTORATION OR FURTHER WORK ON THEM. I
15 DON'T HAVE THAT PLAN IN FRONT OF ME AT THIS TIME, BUT WE WOULD
16 BE PLEASED TO PROVIDE THAT TO YOU AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE FROM
17 THE MUSEUM. AND THEY NEED TO GET THE 61 VEHICLES BACK AND IN
18 THEIR POSSESSION AND DO THAT ASSESSMENT PROCESS SO WE CAN
19 PROVIDE YOU WITH THAT REPORT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE OUTREACH TO OUR OTHER MUSEUMS TO
22 INSURE THAT THOSE VEHICLES OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE WOULD BE
23 DISPLAYED?

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1 **LARI SHEEHAN:** AGAIN, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE
2 NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM AND ASK THEM TO INCLUDE THAT IN A
3 REPORT BECAUSE THEY DO HAVE PLANS TO DO THAT KIND OF OUTREACH.
4 THESE ARE VERY INTERESTING VEHICLES, MOST OF THEM. AND I THINK
5 THAT THERE ARE PLENTY OF MUSEUMS THAT WILL BE INTERESTED IN
6 THEM. WE NEED TO GET THAT INFORMATION FROM THE MUSEUM.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE'RE NOT LOOKING AT CONTINUOUSLY STORING
9 VEHICLES JUST TO STORE THEM. WE'RE EITHER GOING TO DISPLAY
10 THEM OR SELL THEM SO THAT THEY COULD BE DISPLAYED IN OTHER
11 VENUES.

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13 **LARI SHEEHAN:** CORRECT.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S GOING TO BE THE POLICY.

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17 **LARI SHEEHAN:** CORRECT. THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING. WE'RE NOT
18 GOING TO JUST STORE THEM.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.
21 THAT'S WHY WHEN I MAKE THIS STATEMENT, IT DOES NOT MAKE SENSE
22 TO SPEND LARGE SUMS OF DOLLARS ON REAL ESTATE TO STORE
23 VEHICLES THAT ARE NEVER GOING TO BE DISPLAYED. IT'S NOT
24 HELPING THE COUNTY AND IT'S NOT HELPING THE COMMUNITY. SO WE
25 NEED TO ENSURE THAT THE MUSEUM HAS A POLICY TO EITHER DISPLAY



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1 OR SELL BUT NOT CONTINUE TO WAREHOUSE AS HAS BEEN DONE IN THE
2 PAST.

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4 **LARI SHEEHAN:** YES, SIR.

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6 **SUP. BURKE:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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8 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** MISS BURKE?

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10 **SUP. BURKE:** I KNOW THIS HAS BEEN A LONG NEGOTIATION. AND
11 OBVIOUSLY THERE WERE MANY ATTEMPTS TO TRY TO FIND SOMEPLACE TO
12 DISPLAY THEM. AND APPARENTLY NATURAL HISTORY, IT NOT
13 CONSISTENT BASICALLY WITH THEIR MISSION. BUT I DO THINK IT'S
14 VERY IMPORTANT BEFORE ANY OF THEM ARE SOLD THAT IT COMES BACK
15 TO US BECAUSE SOME OF THOSE MAY NOT -- MAY REQUIRE TO BE
16 RESTORED, AND MANY OF THEM ARE VERY, VERY EXPENSIVE VEHICLES.
17 SO I WOULD HOPE THAT IN OUR ZEST TO NOT STORE THAT WE DON
18 SELL OFF SOME OF THOSE THAT WOULD HAVE A LONG-TERM BENEFIT FOR
19 THE COUNTY. SO I DO THINK BEFORE ANY OF THEM ARE SOLD, THEY
20 SHOULD COME BACK TO US WITH WHAT THEY'RE PLANNING TO SELL AND
21 THE METHOD USED FOR SELLING THEM SO THAT WE CAN BE SURE THAT
22 THEY'RE NOT SORT OF JUST TRANSFERRED AWAY. BECAUSE THINGS GET
23 LOST SOMETIMES WHEN THEY'RE IN WAREHOUSES. AND I UNDERSTAND
24 THEY HAVE TO BE STORED IN A SITUATION WHERE IT'S THE PROPER
25 TEMPERATURE AND ALL OF THOSE THINGS TO MAINTAIN THEM. BUT IT'S



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1 TRUE, PETERSEN IS NOT INTERESTED IN CONTINUING WITH THOSE
2 UNLESS WE PAY THEM. IF WE PAY THEM, THEY WOULD CERTAINLY STORE
3 THEM AND THEY'D ALSO PUT THEM ON DISPLAY. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO
4 HAVE A REPORT BACK AS WE GO ALONG AS TO WHAT EXACTLY THE PLAN
5 IS AND ALSO BEFORE ANY ARE SOLD.

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7 **LARI SHEEHAN:** SUPERVISOR, WE'LL CERTAINLY MAKE SURE THAT THAT
8 OCCURS.

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10 **SUP. BURKE:** BEFORE ANY ARE SOLD, THAT IT COMES BACK TO US.
11 THAT THEY AREN JUST SOLD OFF. BECAUSE THAT'S A REAL
12 TEMPTATION. WHEN PEOPLE SAY "WELL LET'S JUST PUT THEM UP FOR
13 AUCTION AND THEY'RE DONE WITHOUT IT REALLY COMING BEFORE US
14 BECAUSE SOME OF THEM, THERE MAY BE THE ESTIMATE THAT IT'S
15 UNDER \$100,000 OR UNDER \$50,000 AND THEN THEY'RE SOLD TO
16 SOMEONE WHEN ACTUALLY THEY HAVE A TREMENDOUS VALUE IF RESTORED
17 PROPERLY.

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19 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD ECHO SUPERVISOR BURKE'S CONCERNS
20 ON THAT IN THAT REGARD. THE DEACCESSION WORKS OF ART OR
21 EXHIBITS, AUTOMOBILES IN THIS CASE, IS A VERY SENSITIVE AND
22 CONTROVERSIAL, CAN BE A CONTROVERSIAL THING. AND EVEN WHEN
23 IT'S DONE RIGHT, IT'S CONTROVERSIAL. IF IT'S DONE WRONG, IT'S
24 PATHETIC. SO I WOULD ECHO, BEFORE YOU SELL ANYTHING OR PROPOSE
25 TO SELL ANYTHING OFF, BRING IT BACK TO US. NORMALLY I WOULDN'T



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1 EVEN SAY BRING IT BACK TO US IF THERE WAS A MUSEUM, IF THIS
2 WAS THE COUNTY ART MUSEUM, YOU KNOW, THEY'VE GOT AN
3 INFRASTRUCTURE TO HANDLE THIS SORT OF THING. BUT THIS IS KIND
4 OF IN A NEVER NEVER LAND OF AUTOMOBILES IN THE NATURAL HISTORY
5 MUSEUM. NEITHER THE AUTOMOBILES NOR THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM
6 REALLY APPEAR TO WANT EACH OTHER THAT MUCH. AND SO I THINK WE
7 HAVE TO STEP INTO THE BREACH BEFORE SOMETHING IRREVERSIBLE
8 HAPPENS. BUT I KNOW THIS HAS BEEN A LONG HAUL, AND LETTERS
9 BACK AND FORTH AND THAT SORT OF THING. I'M GLAD AT LEAST THAT
10 PART OF IT IS BEHIND US.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** I AGREE WITH THAT, PROPOSED TO BE SOLD, NOT WHEN
13 THEY COME UP WHERE IT READY TO TRANSFER TO SOMEONE WHO HAS
14 MADE A BID.

15

16 **LARI SHEEHAN:** WE NEED TO HAVE THE MUSEUM COME BACK WITH US
17 WITH A FULL ASSESSMENT OF THE WHOLE 61 VEHICLES. THERE ARE 7
18 THAT WILL BE LEFT WITH THE PETERSEN MUSEUM. WE NEED TO COME
19 BACK WITH A FULL ASSESSMENT FOR YOU TO LOOK AT AND UNDERSTAND.

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21 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WE MAY NEED TO HAVE SOME EXPERT
22 ASSISTANCE IN THAT TO EVALUATE IT. BECAUSE AT LEAST I DON'T
23 KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT CARS, LET ALONE WHICH ONES ARE WORTH
24 SOMETHING AND WHICH ONES AREN'T. SO I THINK THAT WOULD BE A
25 GOOD THING.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE OF THE PROBLEMS, PEOPLE HAVE DONATED
3 THEIR CARS TO BE DISPLAYED, AND THE MUSEUM HAS NOT DISPLAYED
4 THEM, AND THEY WAREHOUSED THEM WITH NO PLANS TO DISPLAY THEM.
5 AND SOMEHOW WE NEED TO GET THEM DISPLAYED OR HAVE THE PUBLIC
6 BE INVOLVED. BUT WHATEVER IS DONE WITH THEM WOULD HAVE TO BE
7 ON A COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND NO INSIDER BIDDING, I MEAN, IT
8 WOULD HAVE TO BE PUBLIC AT A BONA FIDE AUCTION OR WHATEVER.
9 ABSOLUTELY.

10

11 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS IS A PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE AT ALL OF
12 OUR MUSEUMS. WE HAVE MORE STUFF IN THE BASEMENT THAT'S NOT
13 BEING DISPLAYED IN WAREHOUSES -- AND NOT JUST OUR MUSEUMS, I
14 MEAN, JUST ABOUT EVERY COLLECTOR IN TOWN, I WON'T MENTION ANY
15 NAMES, HAS MORE IN STORAGE THAN THEY HAVE ON DISPLAY. AND IT
16 IS A PROBLEM. LACMA THAT WAY. NATURAL HISTORY IS THAT WAY.
17 MILLIONS OF THINGS THAT THEY CAN'T DISPLAY. AND SO THE IDEA
18 IS, HOW DO YOU ROTATE THEM? BUT IT'S TRUE. I MEAN WE LOST SOME
19 EXHIBITS AT LACMA YEARS AGO BECAUSE PEOPLE FELT THEIR EXHIBITS
20 WEREN'T ADEQUATELY BEING DISPLAYED. WHEN YOU HAVE 10 MILLION
21 ITEMS AND ONLY SPACE TO EXHIBIT 500,000 OF THEM, 9-1/2 MILLION
22 ITEMS AREN'T GOING TO BE DISPLAYED, AND SO YOU GET A LOT OF
23 ANGRY PEOPLE. IT'S DIFFICULT. ALL RIGHT, I THINK WE'RE ALL ON
24 THE SAME PAGE. THANKS, LARI FOR SEEING THIS THROUGH. MR.



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1 ANTONOVICH MOVES, BURKE SECONDS, WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS
2 VOTE.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM NUMBER 54.

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6 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** 54.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE QUESTION IS, WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE
9 OCTOBER 16TH REQUEST WHICH WAS A WRITTEN UPDATE ON THE 45
10 RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE AUDITOR'S JANUARY 29TH, 2006
11 REPORT?

12

13 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, DUE
14 TO A PREVIOUS BOARD ORDER, WE ARE TO REPORT ON A SEMIANNUAL
15 BASIS HOW OUR PROGRESS IS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VARIOUS
16 RECOMMENDATIONS. AND THAT NEXT REPORT WOULD BE DUE IN
17 DECEMBER. OUR PLAN WOULD BE TO RESPOND TO ALL OF THOSE AND
18 DISCUSS OUR STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION AS TO ALL OF THEM WITH
19 THAT BOARD ORDERED DECEMBER REPORT.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN COMPARING THE AUDITOR'S NOVEMBER 1ST REPLY
22 TO THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OCTOBER 12TH RESPONSE, IT APPEARED
23 THAT THE AUDITOR'S FINDINGS WERE BASED ON THEIR FIELD WORK
24 DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST OF THIS YEAR. AT THE TIME
25 OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OCTOBER 12TH RESPONSE, HE WAS UNAWARE



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1 OF THE FACT THAT THE AUDITOR'S REVIEW WAS COMPLETED IN AUGUST.
2 BOTH DEPARTMENTS HAVE AGREED THAT MINIMUM EFFORT IS REQUIRED
3 TO MEET THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION BY COUNTY COUNSEL, WHICH WOULD
4 BE REVIEWED AGAIN IN EARLY 2008. SO, ONE RECOMMENDATION
5 REQUIRES MANAGEMENT TO MONITOR TIMELINESS AND COMPLETENESS OF
6 CASE EVALUATION PLANS AS WELL AS TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE
7 PROPERLY APPROVED. NOW, COUNTY COUNSEL INDICATED FULL
8 IMPLEMENTATION AND LISTED SIX DIFFERENT WAYS THAT THEY WOULD
9 BE MONITORED, AND SAID THAT THE AUDITOR'S FINDINGS OF
10 SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WAS BASED ON A NEW RECOMMENDATION
11 INCLUDED IN THE OCTOBER 5TH REPORT. THEY ALSO SAID THAT THE
12 ACKNOWLEDGING C.E.P.S IN THEIR DATABASE WAS A FORM OF
13 APPROVAL. HOWEVER THE AUDITOR'S REVIEW SHOWED UNTIMELY
14 C.E.P.S, AN AVERAGE OF 29 DAYS BEYOND DUE DATES, AS TO
15 APPROVALS. THE T.P.A. CONTRACTS AND PROCEDURES MANUAL STATES
16 THAT C.E.P. SUBMITTED TO COUNTY COUNSEL MUST BE APPROVED.
17 FINALLY, NOT ALL OF THE SIX MONITORING STEPS WERE BEING
18 FOLLOWED CONSISTENTLY, SUCH AS THE REMINDERS SPREADSHEET,
19 WHICH WAS NOT BEING UPDATED NOR WAS THERE ANY EVIDENCE OF
20 FOLLOW-UP WHEN THE C.E.P.S WERE PAST DUE. THE AUDITOR FOUND
21 THAT THE ROUND TABLE DATES WERE NOT BEING MANAGED AND THE
22 SPREADSHEET USED WAS INEFFECTIVE BECAUSE THERE WERE BLANKS
23 LEFT IN THE DATES COLUMN AND THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF FOLLOW-
24 UP WHEN ROUNDTABLES WERE CANCELED. COUNSEL HAS HELD THAT THE
25 ABSENCE OF DATES FOR TWO OF THE THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR



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1 CASES IS IRRELEVANT BECAUSE THE THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATIVE
2 TRACKS THEIR OWN ROUNDTABLE SCHEDULE. THE AUDITOR FOUND THIS
3 TO BE INCONSISTENT BECAUSE THE SPREADSHEET CONTAINED STATES
4 FOR BOTH THE THIRD-PARTY AND NON-THIRD-PARTY CASES. SO THE
5 CONCERNS ARE THE 45 RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE AUDITOR'S
6 REPORT. JANUARY 29TH, 2006, ONLY FIVE OR AT THE MOST 10 APPEAR
7 TO BE CLOSE TO FULL IMPLEMENTATION AND WE HAVE YET TO RECEIVE
8 AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF ALL 45 RECOMMENDATIONS AS REQUESTED
9 BY THE BOARD'S OCTOBER 16TH MEETING. AND THAT'S WHY I ASKED
10 THE QUESTION. THOSE SHOULD BE BROUGHT FORTH BEFORE THE BOARD,
11 WE DON'T HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL DECEMBER.

12

13 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** WELL, WE CAN SPEED UP THE TIMING OF THAT
14 REPORT, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, IF THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL. WE
15 HAD, IN JUNE, I BELIEVE IT WAS, SENT A STATUS REPORT ON OUR
16 IMPLEMENTATION. THE NUMBER I KEEP LOOKING AT IS 36
17 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE JANUARY 29 REPORT. AND THEN TO THE
18 EXTENT THERE HAVE BEEN ANY SUBSEQUENT ONES, OF COURSE WE WOULD
19 ADD THOSE IN TO OUR LIST. AND WE HAVE, AS WE INDICATED IN
20 JUNE, MADE PROGRESS. SOME ARE FULLY IMPLEMENTED. MANY ARE IN
21 PROCESS. SOME REQUIRE THE DEVELOPMENT OF COGNOS AND SOME OTHER
22 SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS. BUT WE BELIEVE WE ARE CONSISTENTLY
23 WORKING TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL THESE. WE HAVE AGREED
24 WITH ALL OF THEM AS WE INDICATED IN OUR INITIAL RESPONSE TO
25 THE JANUARY AUDIT. AND ARE TRYING TO GET THEM ALL IN PLACE. I



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1 BELIEVE WE HAVE MADE -- AND I THINK THE AUDITOR HAS GRACIOUSLY
2 ACKNOWLEDGED THAT WE'VE BEEN MAKING SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS. AND
3 IT'S SOMEWHAT OF A GEOMETRIC PROGRESSION AT THAT TIME. THE
4 MORE PROGRESS WE CAN MAKE, PARTICULARLY IN SYSTEMS, THE FASTER
5 ALL OF THIS COMES TOGETHER. BUT SOME OF IT DOES REQUIRE
6 AMENDMENTS TO THE REMIS CONTRACT OR ADDITIONAL WORK ORDERS
7 WHICH WE ARE WORKING ON. AND WE CAN SUBMIT -- I WOULD PREFER
8 WAITING UNTIL DECEMBER, BECAUSE THAT'S THE CLOCK WE'RE ON AND
9 THE PACE WE'RE AT. BUT IF THE BOARD WOULD PREFER HAVING THAT
10 SEMIANNUAL REPORT SOONER THAN THAT, WHY OF COURSE WE'LL DO
11 THAT.

12

13 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** MIKE, ARE YOU DONE? MIKE? SUPERVISOR
14 MOLINA?

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. FORTNER, LET'S BE CLEAR ABOUT THIS. WHAT THIS
17 IS ABOUT IS IF YOU REMEMBER THREE WEEKS AGO, YOU SUBSTANTIALLY
18 DISAGREED WITH THE AUDITOR THAT HE WAS CLEARLY NOT
19 REPRESENTING THAT THEY HAD BEEN COMPLETED. AND YOU SAID THEY
20 HAD BEEN COMPLETED. AND WE HAD THIS DEBATE GOING ON. WE ASKED
21 THE AUDITOR TO REVIEW THAT. AND THIS IS A DIFFERENT ISSUE THAN
22 WHAT YOU'RE CHARACTERIZING NOW. SO WHAT'S YOUR RESPONSE FROM
23 THE WORK THE AUDITOR DID IN THE LAST THREE WEEKS?

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1 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** WELL, AS I INDICATED IN MY RESPONSE IN A
2 LETTER TO THE AUDITOR, WHICH IS ATTACHED TO HIS REPORT, A
3 GREAT DEAL OF OUR DIFFERENCES WERE IN THE TIMING ISSUES. I
4 JUST FRANKLY WAS LOOKING AT THE PROGRESS WE HAD BEEN MAKING
5 AND VERY SENSITIVE TO THE FACT THAT OUR STAFF HAS BEEN WORKING
6 VERY HARD TO GET THESE THINGS IMPLEMENTED AND DEMONSTRATE THAT
7 TO THE AUDITOR. BUT THE FIELD WORK, AS HE POINTS OUT, WAS A
8 FINITE PERIOD. AND PERHAPS I WAS LOOKING WITH EYES THAT WERE
9 NOT BACK IN THAT FIELD WORK, PERIOD. WE WERE AND HAVE BEEN
10 MAKING A GREAT DEAL OF PROGRESS IN THE SPRING AND SUMMER ON
11 IMPLEMENTING THESE. NOW, HE JUST LOOKED AT TEN, OF COURSE. THE
12 REMAINDER OF THEM THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REFERRED TO HAVE
13 NOT BEEN SUBJECTED TO HIS FOLLOW-UP AUDIT, WHICH HE INDICATES
14 WILL BE COMING DOWN THE ROAD HERE. BUT I BELIEVE, AS I STATED
15 IN MY LETTER TO HIM AND HE AGREES THAT IT'S HIGHLY POSSIBLE
16 THAT ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE NOW FULLY IMPLEMENTED, THE FIVE
17 THAT WE HAD THE DISAGREEMENT ABOUT. I HAVE TO SAY THAT I DID
18 NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF WHEN HE SAID SOMETHING HAS
19 BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY IMPLEMENTED. I'VE COME TO BE FULLY AWARE
20 THAT THAT IS A TERM THAT HE RARELY USES OR HAS NEVER USED
21 BEFORE AND REALLY MEANS THAT YOU'RE VERY CLOSE. FROM MY
22 PERSPECTIVE, I BELIEVE THAT WE WERE -- THERE IS NO PERFECTION
23 IN SOME OF THESE. YOU CAN ALWAYS GO IN ON AN AUDIT AND
24 SOMETHING CAN BE FOUND. AND SO I REALLY FELT VERY STRONGLY
25 THAT WE HAD IMPLEMENTED ALL OF THESE. BUT I DO NOT DISAGREE



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1 WITH THE AUDITOR'S STATEMENTS THAT AT THE TIME THEY WERE DOING
2 THEIR FIELD WORK, THAT WE WERE STILL COMING TO GRIPS WITH SOME
3 OF THESE. I DON'T THINK HE FOUND AT ANY TIME THAT WE WERE
4 RESISTANT TO DOING IT, IT JUST THAT WE HADN'T FULLY DONE IT
5 YET. AND UNTIL FROM HIS PERSPECTIVE IT WAS FULLY DONE, HE
6 WASN'T GOING TO SAY FULLY IMPLEMENTED. AND I THINK WE'RE THERE
7 NOW. AND HE SAID IN HIS REPORT THAT HE'D BE FOLLOWING UP. AND
8 I THINK WE WILL HAVE ACHIEVED THOSE MARKS AT THIS NEXT REVIEW.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, RAY, I FIND IT HARD TO UNDERSTAND THAT YOU
11 DON KNOW THAT AN AUDIT IS DURING A FINITE PERIOD OF TIME. I
12 MEAN, THEY GOING TO SAY FROM HERE TO THERE. YOU KNOW, I
13 REALLY THINK THAT THAT'S AN UNFORTUNATE RESPONSE IN THIS
14 INSTANCE. BUT I THINK WHAT YOU'RE NOT COMPREHENDING, AND LET'S
15 UNDERSTAND WHAT ALL OF THIS IS BASICALLY ABOUT. THE ISSUE OF
16 PUTTING THESE PROCEDURES IN PLACE, THE ISSUE OF PUTTING
17 RECOMMENDATIONS IN PLACE, THE ISSUE OF ISSUING THE 36
18 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WERE MADE WERE ALL ABOUT ONE THING: AND
19 THAT IS TO CONTROL LITIGATION COSTS THAT WERE ESCALATING. ALL
20 OF THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS, WHICH HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED FROM COUNTY
21 COUNSEL, IF APPROPRIATELY IMPLEMENTED, IF COMPLETELY
22 IMPLEMENTED, IF DONE EXACTLY AS RECOMMENDED, THE OUTCOME
23 SHOULD PRODUCE A BETTER COST LITIGATION OUTCOME. THAT'S THE
24 INTENT. THIS THING HAS BEEN BEING AUDITED SINCE JANUARY OF
25 THIS YEAR. IT'S BEEN A LONG PERIOD OF TIME. NOW, I'M NOT HERE



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1 TO ARGUE ONE OR THE OTHER. I THINK THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THAT
2 THIS BOARD APPROVED AND YOU AGREED TO ALL OF THOSE
3 RECOMMENDATIONS, ALL 36. NOW, ON THE 10 THAT WERE EVALUATED,
4 THEY WERE VERY, VERY CRITICAL OF COMPONENTS. I MEAN, NOT
5 PREPARING THE CASE EVALUATION PLANS, NOT FULLY FILLING OUT ALL
6 OF THE INFORMATION IN ORDER TO ASSESS, IN ORDER TO CREATE THE
7 LITIGATION BUDGET, TO DO ALL OF THE NECESSARY ISSUES. NOW, YOU
8 CAN SAY THEY DID IT. MY STAFF DOES THAT ALL OF THE TIME. BUT
9 IF THEY DON'T DOCUMENT IT, MY OUTCOME IS, IT DIDN'T HAPPEN.
10 AND I THINK YOU HAVE TO HAVE THE SAME ATTITUDE. AND YOU KNOW
11 THAT IN EVERY SINGLE PRIVATE LAW FIRM, AND I KNOW WHEN I WAS A
12 LEGAL SECRETARY, THAT DOCUMENTATION WAS ESSENTIAL, BECAUSE YOU
13 NEVER KNEW IF YOU WERE GOING TO GO INTO COURT AND ALL YOU HAD
14 WITH YOU WAS A FILE. AND THAT FILE HAD TO DOCUMENT WHAT THE
15 STATUS OF THE CASE WAS AND WHAT THE STRATEGY WAS AND WHERE WE
16 WERE GOING SO THAT THAT LAWYER, WHOEVER IT MIGHT BE THAT DAY,
17 HAD THE CAPABILITY OF MOVING FORWARD THAT CASE. SO
18 DOCUMENTATION IS ESSENTIAL. NOW, WE ONLY REVIEWED 10. AND VERY
19 FRANKLY, THEY DID HAVE TREMENDOUS FAILINGS. NOW, I'M CONCERNED
20 ABOUT IT BECAUSE I DON'T WANT YOU TO LOOK AT THIS AS AN
21 EXERCISE OF CHECKING OFF LITTLE BOXES. THAT'S NOT WHAT IT'S
22 ABOUT. WELL, IT IS ABOUT LOOKING AT MORE EFFECTIVELY MANAGING
23 THE COSTS, MAKING ASSESSMENT OF CASES, PRESENTING, AS OUR
24 LAWYER, TO US, WHAT THE CONCLUSION IS OF YOUR LEGAL ABILITY
25 AND YOUR ENTIRE TEAM TO LET US KNOW WHAT THE STATUS IS OF SOME



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1 OF THESE CASES. WHEN IN FACT THINGS AREN'T DOCUMENTED, WHEN
2 THEY'RE NOT THERE, YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. MOST OF US
3 ARE NOT GOING TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. I THINK THAT'S TRUE OF
4 EVERY SINGLE CASE. WE LOOK AT SOME OF THE CASES THAT WE SEE
5 NOW IN WHICH WE HAVE TO SETTLE, FORCIBLY SETTLE, BECAUSE WE
6 CAN'T GO TO TRIAL. WHY? BECAUSE IN THE BACKGROUND OF SOME OF
7 THESE CASES, THE DEPARTMENT DIDN'T DO ITS APPROPRIATE
8 DOCUMENTATION. THEY DIDN'T KEEP CERTAIN RECORDS. THEY DIDN'T
9 DO EVALUATIONS. THEY DIDN'T CHECK CERTAIN THINGS. AND SO
10 CONSEQUENTLY WHEN THEY DIDN'T DOCUMENT IT, THE BOTTOM LINE IS
11 YOU CAN'T GO INTO COURT AND SAY "WELL I THINK WE DID IT." YOU
12 HAVE TO HAVE DOCUMENTATION FOR IT. SO WHAT THIS IS, IS A
13 PROCESS, A SET OF PROCEDURES TO CONTROL COSTS. AND WHAT I'M
14 TRYING TO GET YOU TO UNDERSTAND IS, WE DON'T KNOW -- WE KNOW
15 FOR A FACT THAT BEFORE THESE PROCEDURES WERE PUT IN PLACE THAT
16 LITIGATION COSTS WERE ESCALATING. WE PUT THE PROCEDURES IN
17 PLACE AND WE HAD COST LITIGATION MANAGER HOPEFULLY
18 IMPLEMENTING THEM AND THEN WE WENT IN THROUGH THIS FUZZY
19 PERIOD. NOW WE WANT TO GET BACK TO IT. SO I HOPE THAT YOU CAN
20 RESPECT AND HONOR THAT THIS BOARD IS ASKING COUNTY COUNSEL TO
21 GO THROUGH THIS PROCESS, EVALUATE THOSE CASES, GET ALL OF THE
22 INFORMATION, CREATE A LITIGATION BUDGET, RECOGNIZE AND
23 UNDERSTAND WHO'S ASSIGNED THIS CASE, WHO HAS ACCESS TO THE
24 INFORMATION? EVERY SINGLE RECOMMENDATION IS REALLY VERY
25 THOUGHTFUL. AND SO CONSEQUENTLY WHAT I NEED TO DO IS TO TRUST



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1 MY LAWYER, RIGHT? THAT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY BECAUSE I AM NOT
2 THE LAWYER. SO CONSEQUENTLY IN THAT TRUST, I HAVE TO BELIEVE
3 THAT YOU HAVE A FULL COMPREHENSION OF ALL OF THE WHO, WHAT,
4 WHERE, HOW, AND WHEN TO HOPEFULLY BE SUCCESSFUL AS MY LAWYER.
5 BUT WHEN YOU HAVE STAFF PEOPLE THAT ARE NOT INPUTTING INTO THE
6 SYSTEM, IF THEY ARE NOT ASSESSING, IF THEY ARE SCHEDULING
7 ROUNDTABLES AND THEN NEVER HOLDING THEM AND NOT RESCHEDULING
8 THEM, THESE ARE ALL ISSUES THAT VERY FRANKLY ARE NOT -- DON'T
9 SUSTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WERE MADE.
10 SO I GOING TO ASK YOU TO REALLY GO BACK. AND I DON'T WANT TO
11 PLAY GAMES WITH PARTIALLY DONE, PARTIALLY, SUBSTANTIALLY. I
12 WANT THEM ALL DONE. I THINK EVERYBODY HERE WANTS THEM ALL
13 COMPLETED. NOW, I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU CAN'T DO EVERYTHING ALL
14 OF THE TIME WHILE YOU'RE STILL MANAGING A WHOLE CASELOAD. BUT
15 I THINK THAT HONESTLY WE DON'T NEED TO GO INTO A DEBATE AND
16 LOOK OVER YOUR SHOULDER AS TO WHETHER THINGS ARE BEING DONE OR
17 NOT. I THINK YOU NEED TO PROVIDE US ASSURANCES THAT THOSE
18 ITEMS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT. AND SO CONSEQUENTLY, WHAT I WANT
19 TO DO, AND I KNOW IT'S ANOTHER MOTION, BUT IT'S SOMEWHERE
20 AROUND HERE I WILL LOOK FOR IT IN A MINUTE, HERE IT IS.
21 BASICALLY ALL IT ASKS IS THAT I NEED YOU TO PUT ALL 36 ON A
22 TIME FRAME. WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO DO THEM? WHEN ARE THEY GOING
23 TO GET DONE? AND YOU NEED TO TELL US. AND THEN WE NEED TO SEE
24 REPORTS ON A REGULAR BASIS AS TO HOW YOU'RE GETTING -- IF YOU
25 DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO THE BASICS OF THESE KINDS OF THINGS,



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1 THEY FALL APART. IT'S LIKE ANYTHING ELSE, I KNOW THAT I'M
2 LOUSY AT FILING AT HOME AND I GET MY BILLS AND PUT THEM IN A
3 LITTLE STACK AND I SAY I'M GOING TO GET TO THEM. AND THEN I
4 OPEN THEM UP AND THEN I PAY THEM AND THEN I PUT THEM IN
5 ANOTHER STACK, THEN I GOING TO FILE THEM. AND BEFORE YOU KNOW
6 IT, YOU KNOW, THREE MONTHS LATER I HAVE A HUGE STACK OF STUFF
7 THAT IF I WOULD HAVE FILED THEM ON THE FIRST DAY, I WOULD HAVE
8 BEEN SUCCESSFUL. SO YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THESE
9 BASIC ISSUES. AND SO I'M ASKING YOU TO PROVIDE US THIS WRITTEN
10 UPDATE WITHIN THREE WEEKS ON THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF
11 NOT JUST THE FIVE, NOT JUST THE 10, ALL 36. WHEN ARE YOU GOING
12 TO IMPLEMENT THEM? HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET THESE ASSURANCES?
13 AND EVEN SOME OF THE WORK THAT THE AUDITOR DID, I THINK WAS
14 REALLY VERY HELPFUL TO US. IT TELLS US THAT YOU NEED TO GO IN
15 THERE AND PROVIDE THOSE ASSURANCES TO YOURSELF. JUST BECAUSE
16 YOU SAY A LAWYER TOLD YOU THAT HE INPUT INTO IT, THAT HE GAVE
17 YOU A SCHEDULE OF A ROUNDTABLE, THAT DOESN'T -- YOU NEED TO
18 FIND A CHECK SYSTEM THAT TELLS YOU THESE THINGS ARE BEING
19 DONE. BECAUSE YOU'RE LIKE ME. YOU'RE AT THE MERCY OF YOUR
20 LAWYERS GIVING YOU THE INFORMATION TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S
21 DONE. SO I'M ASKING THAT THIS BE DONE. I AM ASKING, AS WELL,
22 THAT YOU REALLY LOOK AT THIS PROFILE ACCESS. WE DON'T WANT
23 ANYONE GOING IN AND CHANGING THE AMOUNT OF WHAT A LAWYER IS
24 GETTING PAID OR EXTENDING THE LITIGATION COSTS WITHOUT
25 SUPERVISION AND APPROVAL. THOSE ISSUES ARE ON THERE. AND THOSE



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1 ALL CAME OUT AS THESE AUDIT ISSUES WERE BEING REVIEWED. I AM
2 REALLY LOOKING TO HAVE A PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU, BUT WE REALLY
3 NEED TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON IN EACH OF THESE CASES? AND THE
4 RATIONALE. WHAT IS BEHIND IT? WHY ARE WE SETTling A CASE? WHY
5 ARE WE GOING TO TRIAL? IT ISN'T "JUST BECAUSE MY LAWYER SAID
6 SO." I'D LIKE TO KNOW AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. AND SO THE PURPOSE
7 OF THIS WAS TO CONTROL COSTS, TO GET OUR LITIGATION COSTS
8 UNDER CONTROL. ALL 36 NEED TO BE DONE. THEY NEED TO BE DONE
9 TOMORROW. THEY AREN'T GOING TO BE DONE TOMORROW. SO I NEED YOU
10 TO ASSURE ME THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE DONE IN A TIME CERTAIN
11 AND THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE COMPLETED AND THAT YOU'RE GOING
12 TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO GO BACK AND CHECK TO SEE THAT THEY ARE
13 BEING DONE. NOT JUST ONE TIME BUT AN ONGOING BASIS, THAT
14 ROUNDTABLES ARE BEING SCHEDULED, ROUNDTABLES ARE BEING HELD,
15 WHEN THEY ARE CANCELED, THAT THEY ARE RESCHEDULED. THAT THE
16 ACCESS TO THE REMIS SYSTEM IS BEING MONITORED. THAT NOT JUST
17 ANYBODY CAN GET IN THERE AND CHANGE THE AMOUNTS OF DOLLARS
18 THAT OUR LAWYERS ARE GETTING. THAT BUDGETS ARE BEING ADHERED
19 TO, AND WHEN THEY'RE NOT, THEN YOU NEED TO CREATE A MECHANISM.
20 ALL OF THIS NEEDS TO BE DONE. AND SO I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND.
21 IT IS NOT A PAPER PROCESS. I KNOW THAT LITIGATION COSTS CAN GO
22 UP AND DOWN. BUT IF WE DON'T START AT LEAST MAKING SOME EFFORT
23 TO CONTROL, THEY'RE GOING TO GO OUT OF SIGHT AND WE CAN'T FORD
24 TO DO THAT. SO I HAVE A MOTION.

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1 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I'LL SECOND IT.

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO SAY WHY DON'T YOU INCLUDE THE
4 NINE ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE OUTSIDE ATTORNEY THAT
5 WERE INCLUDED IN THE JANUARY 29TH.

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7 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WHO IS THE OUTSIDE ATTORNEY?

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9 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** RETAINED BY THE AUDITOR TO REVIEW OUR
10 PROCESS.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT IS PART OF THE AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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14 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE YOU ABLE TO DO ALL OF THOSE
15 RECOMMENDATIONS? GIVE US SCHEDULE FOR ALL THOSE
16 RECOMMENDATIONS?

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18 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** I BELIEVE THAT WE DON'T TAKE ISSUE WITH
19 SOME OF THE THINGS THAT MR. MOSKAR SAID.

20

21 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK THE QUESTION WAS-- MR.
22 ANTONOVICH MAYBE MISUNDERSTOOD. YOU WANT TO HAVE A REPORT ON
23 THE IMPLEMENTATION?

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, INCLUDING THE ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS
2 THAT WERE MADE IN THE AUDITOR'S REPORT BY THE OUTSIDE
3 ATTORNEY.

4

5 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ABOUT THOSE? YOU WANT TO SCHEDULE?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WOULD REPORT BACK ON.

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9 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SCHEDULE OF
10 IMPLEMENTATION?

11

12 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** AND IF WE HAVE AN AMENDED VIEW OF WHY WE
13 THINK THERE'S A BETTER TO GO, OR THAT SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION
14 DOESN'T WORK IN THE SYSTEM THAT WE SETTING UP HERE, WE TELL
15 YOU THAT.

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17 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THEN YOU SHOULD TELL US.

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19 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** IF WE CAN'T EXPLAIN IT TO YOU, THEN THAT
20 WILL BE --

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22 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T THINK WE'RE DICTATING THE ANSWER
23 WE WANT FROM YOU. I THINK WHAT THIS IS JUST ASKING FOR IS A
24 SCHEDULE AND ADDRESSING IT, AND IF THERE'S AN ISSUE, RAISE IT.



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1 I THINK WE NEED TO GET ON BETWEEN HAVING THE RELATIONSHIP
2 BETWEEN US AND YOU AND GET THIS THING, GET BACK ON TRACK.

3

4 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** THAT'S PART OF MY ZEAL TO HAVE FULL
5 IMPLEMENTATION ON ALL OF THESE.

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7 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK WE ALL UNDERSTAND THAT. OKAY. SO
8 THERE'S A MOTION AS AMENDED IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE
9 MOTION? YOU HAVE NO OBJECTION, INCLUDING THOSE NINE? AND WITH
10 THOSE INCLUDED, MOLINA MOVES, AND I'LL SECOND; WITHOUT
11 OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM NUMBER 39.

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15 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK WE DID ONE, MIKE.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE DID THAT? OKAY. THIS PAST WEEK WE HAD
18 GOTTEN A REPORT BACK FROM THE COUNTY COUNSEL C.A.O. RELATIVE
19 TO A MOTION WE HAD TO THE LAWSUIT THAT WE HAD JOINED WITH THE
20 OTHER CITIES AGAINST THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE
21 INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT'S PROPOSED EXPANSION. BUT IN THE REPORT
22 THAT WE RECEIVED BACK, IT INDICATED THAT THE SETTLEMENT
23 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND LAWA IS IN SUBSTANTIVE
24 COMPLIANCE WITH THE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS REGARDING
25 REGIONALIZATION OF AIR SERVICE. HOWEVER, IF YOU READ THE



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1 REPORT, IT SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF
2 THE UNITED PARCEL SERVICE, ONE OF AIRPORT'S LARGEST CARGO
3 OPERATORS, TO UTILIZE THE A380 AT ONTARIO, THAT THE AIRBUS HAS
4 SUSPENDED THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CARGO VERSION OF THE A380
5 AIRCRAFT AND HAS NOT INDICATED WHEN THEY MAY RESUME
6 DEVELOPMENT AT THIS TIME. SO THAT RUNWAY CONSTRUCTION
7 IMPROVEMENTS REMAINS AN ISSUE. AND CURRENTLY ONTARIO AIRPORT
8 DOES NOT HAVE ADEQUATE FEDERAL INSPECTION SERVICE FACILITIES
9 THAT CARRIERS DEMAND TO EFFECTIVELY PROCESS INTERNATIONAL
10 FLIGHTS. THE EXISTING RUNWAYS AT PALMDALE AIRPORT, WHILE THEY
11 ACCOMMODATE THE A380 THE TAXIWAYS LEADING TO THE TERMINAL IN
12 THE AIRCRAFT APRON WOULD NOT SUPPORT THE WEIGHT OF THAT
13 AIRCRAFT AND THERE ARE NO PROCESSING FACILITIES AT PALMDALE
14 AIRPORT TO ALLOW FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY. IT WOULD SEEM TO
15 ME THAT WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT LAWA HAS A TIMETABLE OF
16 IMPLEMENTATION AND THAT THEY ARE FOLLOWING UP ON THAT
17 IMPLEMENTATION AND REGIONALIZATION OF AIRPORT SERVICES FOR
18 ONTARIO AND PALMDALE AIRPORT. AND SO I WOULD ASK THAT WE GO
19 BACK AND ASK THEM TO GIVE US A TIMETABLE THAT THEY'RE GOING TO
20 IMPLEMENT THOSE AGREEMENTS THAT WE MADE IN THAT SETTLEMENT
21 WITH LAWA. AND THEN I JUST HAVE ONE OTHER ADJOURNMENT MOTION.
22 ART DONNELLY, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 65, FROM SANTA
23 CLARITA. HE WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CITY FORMATION COMMITTEE,
24 VICE PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY CHAMBER OF
25 COMMERCE, PAST PRESIDENT OF THE VALENCIA INDUSTRIAL



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1 ASSOCIATION AND VICE PRESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY COUNTY
2 SHERIFF BOOSTER CLUB, ALONG WITH BEING INVOLVED WITH THE BOYS
3 AND GIRLS CLUB WHERE HE WAS DIRECTOR EMERITUS. HE WAS A GREAT
4 MAN, A GREAT COMMUNITY LEADER. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 43
5 YEARS, GLO, AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN, FIVE GRANDCHILDREN AND
6 THEIR GREAT GRANDMOTHER, VIOLET. SO I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN
7 MEMORY OF.

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9 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ALL, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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13 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. MS. MOLINA?

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15 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE ADJOURNMENTS AS WELL. I THINK ALL OF US
16 HAVE ADJOURNED WITH GRACE DE LA O. AND I'D LIKE TO JOIN WITH
17 THAT AND SEND OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO OSCAR OVER THE DEATH
18 OF HIS LOVING SISTER. I'D ALSO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE
19 MEMORY OF MS. ANDREA MEZA WHO PASSED AWAY IN A TRAGIC ACCIDENT
20 IN THE CITY OF WALNUT. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT PRAYERS
21 AND CONDOLENCES TO THE PARENTS, TO HER HUSBAND AND CHILDREN,
22 AS WELL AS EVERYONE WHO KNEW HER. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ADJOURN IN
23 THE MEMORY OF RICHARD BORUNDA, THE BELOVED FATHER OF MY FORMER
24 STAFF MEMBER, CARLOS LEON. MR. BORUNDA WAS A LIFELONG EAST LOS
25 ANGELES RESIDENT. HE ATTENDED BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,



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1 BELVEDERE JUNIOR HIGH, AND GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL. SO WE WANT TO
2 EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO CARLOS AND HIS FAMILY. AND FINALLY,
3 I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF UNITED STATES
4 ARMY SERGEANT JOSEPH CURRERI, WHO TRAGICALLY DROWNED IN AN OFF
5 DUTY ACCIDENT WHILE SERVING AS A GREEN BERET IN THE ARMY
6 SPECIAL FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES. WE PAY TRIBUTE TO HIS
7 PROFOUND SERVICE TO OUR NATION, AND EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT
8 CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS, AS WELL AS HIS FELLOW
9 SOLDIERS.

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11 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

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15 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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17 **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
18 MEMORY OF JOHN L. JOHNSON, A LONG-TIME COUNTY RESIDENT WHO
19 PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 28TH AT THE AGE OF 89. HE LEAVES TO
20 CHERISH HIS MEMORY A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND LAVERNE
21 MCRATH-BUTLER, LONG-TIME SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT WHO PASSED
22 AWAY ON NOVEMBER 3RD. SHE WAS THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE
23 INGLEWOOD MUNICIPAL COURT, AND WAS EMPLOYED BY THE COUNTY FOR
24 OVER 31 YEARS. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER HUSBAND,
25 JOHN BUTLER, HER MOTHER, AND SIBLINGS. AND ALLEN EDWARD SMITH,



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1 JR., LONG-TIME SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY
2 OCTOBER 25TH AT THE AGE OF 77. HE WAS RETIRED FROM HUGHES
3 AIRCRAFT, WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED FOR 37 YEARS AS A FACILITIES
4 MANAGER. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE MARIAN AND
5 SONS ALLEN EDWARD SMITH III AND MYRON SMITH. RONNIE HAWKINS,
6 FORMER COMPTON POLICE OFFICER WHO WORKED HIS WAY UP THE RANKS
7 TO SERGEANT, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. HE RESIGNED IN '71 AND
8 RETURNED TO THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN COMPTON IN 1983 AS A
9 LEGAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, LEGAL ANALYST AND POLICE
10 INSPECTOR. HE RETIRED FROM SERVICE IN 2000. HE LEAVES TO
11 CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE JOANN. AND FINALLY, MARTHA
12 ROUNTREE, A LONG-TIME COUNTY RESIDENT AND REGISTERED NURSE FOR
13 THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. SHE PASSED AWAY
14 NOVEMBER 2ND AT THE AGE OF 48. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER
15 MEMORY HER HUSBAND RAY CHARLES BENTON, HER DAUGHTER, MEGAN,
16 AND AUNT, PAULINE COOPER.

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18 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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20 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE NO OTHER ITEMS.

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22 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. WE HAVE ONE ITEM, ITEM 55, THAT IS
23 STILL ON THE DESK. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
24 SERVICES? ALL RIGHT. MR. COCHRAN?



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1 **JOHN COCHRAN:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE'RE HERE
2 TO TALK ABOUT AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 55. THERE'S ACTUALLY TWO
3 REPORTS THAT ARE PART OF THIS AGENDA ITEM, OUR REGULAR REPORT
4 ON THE STATUS OF THE M.L.K. IMPLEMENTATION. AND THE SECOND ONE
5 IS A REPORT THAT WAS FILED FRIDAY ON THE IMPACT ON THE
6 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM. AND I HAVE WITH ME CAROL
7 MEYER AND KATHY CHIDESTER, WHO ARE GOING TO ASSIST ME ON THAT
8 DISCUSSION. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE A COUPLE COMMENTS ON THE
9 REPORT. THE URGENT CARE OPERATION AT M.L.K., WHICH IS A REAL
10 KEY TO IMPACTING THE SURROUNDING HOSPITALS, HAS HAD A
11 CONSISTENTLY GROWING VOLUME. WE HAD 556 PATIENTS IN THE
12 PREVIOUS WEEK AND ON AN ANNUALIZED BASIS, THAT'S 29,000 VISITS
13 AND WE HAD ORIGINALLY EXPECTED APPROXIMATELY 20,000. SO IF
14 THIS CONTINUES, THAT PART OF THE OPERATION SHOULD ASSIST IN
15 DECREASING THE IMPACT ON THE SURROUNDING HOSPITALS. THE OTHER
16 ITEM I JUST WANTED TO BRIEFLY TOUCH ON IS THIS MORNING, YOU
17 ALSO RECEIVED A REPORT FROM ME THAT TALKED ABOUT THE CURRENT
18 STATUS OF THE RESPONSES TO THE RFS FOR THE REOPENING OF M.L.K.
19 WE RECEIVED LAST NIGHT AT 5:00 P.M., WHICH WAS THE CUTOFF,
20 FIVE RESPONSES FROM ORGANIZATIONS, TEMPLE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL,
21 PACIFIC HOSPITAL OF LONG BEACH, BEN GOODE REALTY, SSB
22 SOLUTIONS, AND THE BLACK FOUNDATION CARE GROUP INTERNATIONAL.

23

24 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SORRY, THIS IS RESPONSES TO WHICH?

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1 **JOHN COCHRAN:** TO THE REQUEST FOR SOLUTIONS FOR POTENTIAL
2 OPERATORS TO REOPEN THE HOSPITAL. AND THOSE PROPOSALS WERE DUE
3 LAST NIGHT AT 5:00 P.M. AND THESE FIVE ORGANIZATIONS RESPONDED
4 TO THAT SOLICITATION. IN ADDITION TO THAT, HAMMES COMPANY, WHO
5 THE DEPARTMENT--

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7 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WHO? SPEAK UP.

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9 **JOHN COCHRAN:** I'M SORRY. HAMMES COMPANY.

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11 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** HARRIS?

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13 **JOHN COCHRAN:** HAMMES, H-A-M-M-E-S, COMPANY, THAT IS THE
14 CONSULTANT ASSISTING THE DEPARTMENT IN CONDUCTING THIS
15 PROCESS, HAS HAD DIRECT DISCUSSIONS, AT THE BOARD'S REQUEST,
16 WITH CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE WEST, THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,
17 AND THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY. AND THAT PROCESS IS CONTINUING.
18 SO WE HAVE THE THREE THAT THE BOARD DIRECTLY SOLICITED AND
19 FIVE OTHERS THAT HAVE SUBMITTED PROPOSALS. THOSE HAVE NOT BEEN
20 EVALUATED, SO I CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT THE SUBSTANCE WAS. THEY
21 CAME IN LAST NIGHT AT 5:00.

22

23 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THE CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE WEST, THE
24 DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA WERE



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1 NOT REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A RESPONSE TO THE RFP UNDER THIS
2 PROCESS?

3

4 **JOHN COCHRAN:** THEY WERE NOT. THEY ARE CONDUCTING DIRECT
5 DISCUSSIONS WITH HAMMES.

6

7 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. MISS BURKE?

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO JUST GET AN IDEA OF HOW HAMMES INTENDS
10 TO PROCEED AT THIS POINT? THE PROPOSALS THAT WERE SUBMITTED,
11 ARE THOSE FINANCIAL PROPOSALS FOR THE MOST PART, AS WELL AS
12 EXPERIENCE PROPOSALS? AND HOW DO THEY PLAN TO PROCEED AND GO
13 FORWARD?

14

15 **JOHN COCHRAN:** RIGHT. THE NEXT STEP OF THE PROCESS IS, THE
16 PROPOSAL THAT WAS SUBMITTED REQUIRED EACH SUBMITTER TO
17 IDENTIFY THEIR QUALIFICATIONS, THEIR EXPERIENCE IN OPERATING
18 HEALTH FACILITIES, THEIR PLAN FOR OPENING AN INPATIENT
19 HOSPITAL AND AN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT ON THE SITE, WHICH IS A
20 REQUIREMENT. AND THERE IS NOT SPECIFIC FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS
21 AT THIS POINT IN THE PROCESS. HAMMES WILL REVIEW THOSE
22 PROPOSALS, THE FIVE, AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNTY
23 BY THE 14TH OF NOVEMBER OF WHICH, IF ANY OF THOSE, SHOULD BE
24 INCLUDED IN THE NEXT STEP OF THE PROCESS.

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THAT PROCESS WILL BE WHAT?

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3 **JOHN COCHRAN:** WHICHEVER OF THOSE FIVE THAT THEY RECOMMEND AND
4 THE THREE OTHERS, C.H.W., UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAUGHTERS
5 OF CHARITY, WILL BE ENGAGED IN A SET OF DISCUSSIONS AROUND THE
6 SERVICES THAT THEY WOULD PROPOSE TO OFFER AND THE FINANCIAL
7 REQUIREMENTS THAT THEY WOULD HAVE FROM THE COUNTY, IF ANY, TO
8 REOPEN THE HOSPITAL.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** HAS THERE BEEN ANY BASIC DISCUSSION OR WRITTEN
11 RESPONSE, NOT A PROPOSAL RESPONSE, BUT ANY INDICATION OF
12 EXACTLY THE EXPECTATION BY THE THREE: DAUGHTERS, CATHOLIC
13 HEALTHCARE WEST, AND THE UNIVERSITY?

14

15 **JOHN COCHRAN:** I'VE NOT RECEIVED SPECIFIC REQUESTS FROM THE
16 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA. THEIR CURRENT PROCESS IS TO EVALUATE
17 THE ECONOMIC MODEL OF THE HOSPITAL. AND IT'S PARTICULARLY
18 PERTINENT FOR THEM BECAUSE RESIDENCY TRAINING IS A KEY PART OF
19 THEIR ROLE AND THEY HAVE TO EVALUATE THAT. THE DAUGHTERS OF
20 CHARITY AND C.H.W. HAVE NOT GIVEN US A SPECIFIC WRITTEN
21 PROPOSAL AT THIS POINT.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** AT THE BEILENSON HEARING, THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL
24 OF DISCUSSION BY PEOPLE, ADVOCATES, OF HOW THEY WOULD
25 INTERFACE WITH THE PROCESS. AND IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF



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1 YOU CAME TO US WITH SOME SUGGESTIONS OF HOW SOME OF THOSE
2 ADVOCATES WOULD BE ABLE TO INTERFACE. YOU KNOW, IT'S MY
3 FEELING THAT RATHER THAN THEM BEING PEOPLE WHO WOULD EVALUATE
4 PROPOSALS, THAT IT MIGHT BE MUCH MORE POSITIVE FOR THEM TO
5 INTERFACE WITH THE PROPOSERS AND HOW THEY WOULD GET INVOLVED
6 WITH THOSE PARTICULAR PROPOSERS, RATHER THAN FOR THEM TO COME
7 UP AND SAY "WE WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN HOW YOU EVALUATE THIS."
8 BUT I'M NOT REALLY THAT MUCH OF AN AUTHORITY ON HOW YOU DO
9 THIS KIND OF A SELECTION. I THINK IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF
10 WE HAD SOME RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOW WE
11 WOULD HAVE THAT KIND OF INPUT. BECAUSE I REALLY DON'T FEEL
12 LIKE HAVING, LATER IN THE PROCESS FOR EVERYONE TO SAY "WELL
13 YOU NEVER HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY. THE COMMUNITY CLINICS, THE
14 PRIVATE PARTNERS NEVER HAD INPUT." I THINK THAT WE NEED TO
15 HAVE SOME MECHANISM MAYBE WORKED OUT WITH THEM SO THAT WE
16 DON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH THAT AS WE GO FORWARD.

17

18 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE CAN SET UP A PROCESS WHERE WE WOULD MORE
19 THAN WELCOME INPUT FROM VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE HEALTHCARE
20 COMMUNITY, THOSE WHO SPOKE AT THE BEILENSON HEARINGS, BUT ALSO
21 SOME OTHER GROUPS.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** AND LABOR. I THINK THAT WE NEED TO HAVE SOME
24 INPUT. WE DON'T WANT TO BE ACCUSED OF NOT HAVING ANY INPUT
25 FROM THE COMMUNITY AND THEY SAY "WELL WE WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU



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1 THAT THIS WOULDN'T WORK." BUT IF WE CAN GET IT, BUT I'M NOT
2 SURE HOW YOU DO IT.

3

4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** KNOW THAT BRUCE AND I WILL BE PERSONALLY
5 INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THOSE WHO MEET THE BASIC
6 REQUIREMENTS. AND SO AFTER THE 14TH, WE'LL BE GIVING THIS,
7 YOUR BOARD, A REGULAR UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS. HAVING THAT
8 INPUT I KNOW IS VERY CRITICAL. WHEN THE DAY'S OVER, THE
9 SELECTION SHOULD BE MADE BY THIS BOARD BASED ON THE
10 RECOMMENDATION FROM YOUR STAFF, MYSELF AND THE HEALTH
11 DIRECTOR.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** I KNOW CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT, THOUGH, INDICATED
14 THAT THEY WERE GOING TO BE INTERESTED, AND I WOULD BE
15 INTERESTED TO SEE HOW THEY WOULD BE INTERFACING WITH THIS.

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AND WE'LL TALK WITH DR. ROSS.

18

19 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ANY OTHER DISCUSSION? WE HAVE SOME
20 PEOPLE THAT WANTED TO BE HEARD ON THIS. SO I THINK YOU SHOULD
21 MAKE ROOM FOR THEM. IS COUNCILMAN MARIO GUERRA FROM THE CITY
22 OF DOWNEY, IS HE HERE? MARK SAUTER? MARCEL MELANSON? MAYOR?

23

24 **COUNCILMAN MARIO GUERRA:** I'M GOING TO LET OUR FIRE CHIEF SPEAK
25 FIRST, IF THAT'S ALL RIGHT.



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MARK SAUTER: GOOD DAY. I'M HERE, MARK SAUTER, WITH THE DOWNEY
FIRE DEPARTMENT. I'M THE FIRE CHIEF THERE. I'M ALSO A
SPOKESPERSON FOR THE DOWNEY, OR EXCUSE THE L.A. AREA FIRE
CHIEFS ASSOCIATION. WE'VE HAD A CONSIDERABLE IMPACT WITH THE
CLOSURE OF M.L.K. AS WELL AS THE CLOSURE OF A NUMBER OF THE
OTHER EMERGENCY ROOMS IN OUR AREA. WE ARE NOT DIRECTLY
IMPACTED HERE IN DOWNEY. THERE'S A RIPPLE EFFECT FOR US.
HOWEVER, THE BASIS OF EMS IN OUR COUNTY IS FIREFIGHTERS THAT
ARE AN ABLE WORKFORCE DISPERSED IN THE COMMUNITY HANDLING ALL
CALLS FOR SERVICE IN THEIR LOCAL AREA. THE PROBLEM WE'RE
HAVING RIGHT NOW IS, WITHOUT A PATIENT TREATMENT PROCESS IN
THE AREA OF THE M.L.K. CLOSURE AS WELL AS THE NEIGHBORING
AREAS, OUR PARAMEDIC UNITS ARE TRAVELING FARTHER AND FARTHER
TO GET CARE FOR THEIR PATIENTS. IT'S ALSO TAKING LONGER AND
LONGER TO TAKE THE PATIENTS OFF OF THE GURNEY AND DELIVER THEM
TO HOSPITAL CARE PROVIDERS. IF YOU WILL, YOU COULD APPLY A
FOOTBALL ANALOGY AND SAY WE DO A GENERAL ZONE DEFENSE. THAT
WORKS GREAT WHEN WE HAVE THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON
THE FIELD. WHAT WE'RE FINDING NOW IS MORE AND MORE OF OUR
PARAMEDIC UNITS ARE ON THE SIDELINES HUNG UP AT EMERGENCY
ROOMS OR RETURNING BACK TO THEIR DISTRICTS FOR LONGER PERIODS
OF TIME. AND THAT'S TAKING PARAMEDIC SERVICES OUT OF THE AREA
AND PLACING THEM UNAVAILABLE. THE FIRE SERVICE WORKS REAL HARD
TO TAKE CARE OF ALL OF OUR BUSINESS FROM THE 9-1-1 CALL ALL



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1 THE WAY TO THE PATIENT TRANSFER. WE WORK EVERY DAY TO SHAVE
2 SECONDS OFF OF OUR RESPONSE TIMES AND OUR PATIENT CARE TIMES.
3 HOWEVER WITH THE CLOSURE OF M.L.K. AND THE OTHER PATIENT CARE
4 PROBLEMS THAT WE'RE EXPERIENCING, THOSE SMALL GAINS TO OUR
5 PATIENT CARE ARE GOING BY THE WAYSIDE, IF YOU WILL, WITH ONE
6 TO TWO-HOUR WAIT TIMES FOR PATIENT CARE AT A HOSPITAL.
7 IRONICALLY, THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS APPROVED WHAT'S CALLED A
8 STEMI PROGRAM MONTHS AGO, WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THAT. NO
9 DOUBT LIVES HAVE BEEN SAVED BY THAT. HOWEVER, THAT SYSTEM TOO
10 IS DEPENDENT ON QUICK PATIENT CARE AND QUICK PATIENT DELIVERY
11 TO CERTAIN HOSPITALS. RIGHT NOW WE'RE HAVING TROUBLE JUST
12 DELIVERING OUR CARE TO THE PATIENTS IN THE M.L.K. AREA AND
13 THOSE AREAS SURROUNDING IT. THE STEMI CONCEPT TAKES EVEN MORE
14 TIME FOR OUR PARAMEDICS. WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THAT PROGRAM,
15 HOWEVER, AGAIN, IT'S BASED ON PARAMEDICS BEING AVAILABLE. DO I
16 HAVE A COUPLE MINUTES?

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18 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** SURE, GO AHEAD.

19

20 **MARK SAUTER:** THANK YOU. I'M SPEEDING ALONG AS RAPIDLY AS I
21 CAN. THE PATIENT CARE SYSTEM FOR THE HOSPITALS OBVIOUSLY TAKES
22 OVER WHEN OUR PATIENTS ARE DROPPED OR DELIVERED TO THE
23 EMERGENCY ROOM STAFFS. UNFORTUNATELY, THOSE ARE NOT THE ONLY
24 PATIENTS THE ER SEES. A LARGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS ARE DELIVERED
25 EVERY DAY TO THE HOSPITALS OVER THEIR OWN THRESHOLD BY THEM



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1 WALKING IN ON THEIR OWN. THAT'S LARGELY AN UNCONTROLLED NUMBER
2 OF PATIENTS FOR THE DIFFERENT EMERGENCY ROOMS. IF YOU WILL,
3 THE PATIENTS ARE -- IT'S AT THEIR WILL TO GO TO THE LOCAL ER
4 OR TO TRAVEL FARTHER IF THEY THINK THEY CAN GET FASTER CARE OR
5 HAVE SOME OTHER INSURANCE ISSUE. IN OUR CASE IN DOWNEY, WE
6 KNOW WE GET A LOT OF PATIENTS FROM THE M.L.K. AREA. WE'RE
7 HAPPY TO SERVE THOSE PATIENTS. HOWEVER, THAT'S AN
8 UNCONTROLLABLE, UNPLANNED EVENT. I KNOW OUR HOSPITAL IS
9 STRUGGLING TO DEAL WITH THAT LOAD, AS ARE BELLFLOWER,
10 LAKEWOOD, KAISER BELLFLOWER, AND GARDENA HOSPITAL. ALL THE
11 HOSPITALS IN THE AREA ARE STRUGGLING TO DEAL WITH KIND OF THE
12 MOVING NUMBER OF PATIENTS, THOSE ARE HARD TO PLAN FOR. I'M
13 HERE TO ASK OR TO HOPE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL TAKE
14 ACTION TO EMPOWER THE EMS AGENCY TO REVIEW SOME OF OUR OWN
15 POLICIES ON REGULATIONS ON WHERE PATIENTS ARE TRANSPORTED TO
16 AND TO IN GENERAL BE OPEN TO ADDRESSING SOME OF THE POLICY
17 PROBLEMS WE'RE HAVING NOW WITH PATIENT DELIVERY. AND ALSO TO
18 CONSIDER MAKING SOME CHANGES TO THOSE POLICIES. I'M HOPING
19 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL DO WHAT THEY CAN TO
20 INCREASE THE NUMBER OF TREATMENT FACILITIES IN OUR AREA,
21 WHETHER IT'S HEALTHCARE CLINICS, WHETHER IT'S THE EXPANSION OF
22 HEALTHCARE CLINICS THAT ARE IN SERVICE TODAY, OR AS YOU ARE
23 ALREADY WORKING ON, RESTARTING THE M.L.K. HOSPITAL. ANY AND
24 ALL OF THOSE STEPS WILL BE HELPFUL TO OUR PATIENT CARE
25 NETWORK. ALSO, I'M HOPING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CAN



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1 INCREASE THE TREATMENT CAPACITY OF THE HOSPITALS. RIGHT NOW,
2 WE BELIEVE THERE MAY BE SOME ROOM FOR THE INCREASED TREATMENT
3 CAPACITIES OF CERTAIN HOSPITALS. HOWEVER, AS I UNDERSTAND IT,
4 DIFFERENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MAY BE SLOWING THAT DOWN. SO
5 IF WE CAN IN ANY WAY PROP UP THE IMPACTED HOSPITALS WITH
6 FUNDING AND/OR ASSISTANCE, WHETHER IT'S TRANSPORTING PATIENTS
7 AROUND OR SHARING THE LOAD, THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR ALL OF
8 THOSE HOSPITALS INVOLVED. AFTER ALL, THEY ALL RECEIVE 911
9 PATIENTS. AND PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS BE FLEXIBLE WITH THEIR SOLUTIONS. CERTAINLY WHAT
11 HAPPENS IN THE M.L.K. AREA OR THE SOUTHEAST AREA OF THE COUNTY
12 MAY NOT WORK FOR THE PALMDALE/LANCASTER AREA. I UNDERSTAND
13 THAT AND I THINK THE L.A. AREA CHIEFS UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT
14 WE'RE HOPING FOR SOME OPEN AND FLEXIBLE SOLUTIONS, CERTAINLY
15 IN THE NEAR TERM AND THEN AS WE GO MID-RANGE AND THEN LONG-
16 TERM PLANNING. SO I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME.

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18 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, CHIEF.

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20 **COUNCILMAN MARIO GUERRA:** FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU, HONORARY
21 SUPERVISORS FOR HAVING US.

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23 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD?

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25 **COUNCILMAN MARIO GUERRA:** PARDON?



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2 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** IDENTIFY YOURSELF.

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4 **COUNCILMAN MARIO GUERRA:** MY NAME IS MARIO GUERRA, I'M A
5 COUNCILMAN FOR THE CITY OF DOWNEY. SUPERVISOR BURKE, WHAT YOU
6 JUST SAID ABOUT COMMUNITY INPUT, THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS I'M
7 HERE TODAY, BECAUSE OUR COMMUNITY IS SUFFERING, OUR COMMUNITY
8 IS HURTING IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS REGARDING HEALTHCARE. I KNOW
9 YOU'RE LOOKING AT A COUNTY-WIDE SITUATION. BUT LOCALLY NOT
10 ONLY THE CITY OF DOWNEY BUT THE SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES COUNTY
11 AREA. LAST MONTH, KATHY CHIDESTER CAME TO OUR LEAGUE OF
12 CALIFORNIA CITIES MEETING THAT WAS HELD RIGHT ACROSS THE
13 STREET. AND SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT THE HEALTHCARE CRISIS. ONE
14 OF THE THINGS THAT CAME OUT, SHE HAD A GREAT GRAPH THAT WAS
15 PRESENTED BY THE COUNTY, WAS THE IMPACTED HOSPITALS. AND THE
16 ONE THING THAT STOOD OUT FOR ME AS A COUNCILMAN FOR THE CITY
17 OF DOWNEY WAS THAT THE DOWNEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, THE
18 MONTH OF SEPTEMBER '06 VERSUS SEPTEMBER '07, THE DIVERSION
19 HOURS THAT THE HOSPITAL WAS NOT OPEN TO THE CITY OF THE
20 RESIDENTS OF DOWNEY OR TO ANYBODY ELSE IN THAT AREA HAD A 517%
21 INCREASE. 517% INCREASE. THE NEXT MOST IMPACTED HOSPITAL WAS
22 ST. FRANCIS, WITH 110% INCREASE OR SOMETHING SIMILAR TO THAT.
23 AND THOSE NUMBERS STOOD OUT. CHIEF SAUTER AND MYSELF CONTACTED
24 THE DOWNEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER FOR THEIR NUMBER THIS
25 MORNING. AND JUST IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR, JUST



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1 LAST MONTH, THEY HAD OVER 1,000 WALK-IN PATIENTS FROM THE
2 MARTIN LUTHER KING AREA THAT WERE NORMALLY SERVICED BY THAT.
3 SO WE ARE VERY MUCH IMPACTED. THERE IS NO INCENTIVES RIGHT NOW
4 TO BE ABLE TO DO THE RIGHT THING. AND NOT ONLY FROM A HOSPITAL
5 BUT FROM A CITY STANDPOINT. OUR CITY IS IMPACTED BECAUSE WE
6 CAN'T BRING OUR RESIDENTS TO THE MOST LOGICAL AND THE CLOSEST
7 EMERGENCY HEALTHCARE SERVICES. SO OUR HOSPITAL IS SUFFERING,
8 BUT OUR PATIENTS AND OUR CITY IS DEFINITELY SUFFERING. AND WE
9 RECENTLY HAD A SITUATION WHERE OUR PARAMEDICS WERE BACKING UP
10 AND WENT INTO COMPTON. AND THEN OUR PARAMEDICS SQUADS WERE ALL
11 FULL UP BECAUSE WE WERE IN DIVERSION. WE HAD A PARAMEDIC
12 SITUATION COME IN FROM SOUTH EL MONTE TO COVER THE CITY OF
13 DOWNEY. WE HAVE 115,000 RESIDENTS IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY. AND
14 RIGHT NOW HEALTHCARE IS A BIG ISSUE OBVIOUSLY, AN ENTIRE
15 CRISIS FOR THE CITY -- I MEAN WITH THE COUNTY. BUT MOST
16 IMPACTED BY US, WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER HOSPITAL
17 POSSIBLY COMING IN TO OUR CITY IN THE NEXT COUPLE YEARS THAT'S
18 BEING BUILT. AND THAT'S ALSO ALREADY RIGHT NOW IN THE WORKS.
19 BUT WE'RE LOOKING AS A CITY, WE MIGHT HAVE TO LOOK AT OUR OWN
20 CATCHMENT BASIS, WHICH WILL IMPACT THEM AND HAVE A FUNNEL
21 EFFECT. WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO LOOK AT AND TAKE CARE OF OUR
22 RESIDENTS AND WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO GET EMERGENCY HEALTHCARE
23 HEALTHCARE BASIS. IT'S NOT SOMETHING WE WANT TO DO BUT WE NEED
24 TO EXPLORE ALL OPTIONS. SO I THINK WHAT I'M ASKING IS, AND
25 THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US THE INPUT ON THE SITUATION. I HOPE



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1 THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO HAVE A DIALOGUE AND INPUT FOR THE MOST
2 AFFECTED CITIES. AND I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE ONE BEING SO CLOSE
3 TO MARTIN LUTHER KING AND IN THE SOUTHEAST AREA. BIT ALSO, WE
4 DO LOOK FORWARD TO BASICALLY THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX. AND
5 WE'RE HOPING THAT THE COUNTY WILL LOOK AT DIFFERENT THINGS AND
6 TRY DIFFERENT THINGS THAT RIGHT NOW INSTEAD OF CONTINUING TO
7 FOLLOW THAT PLAN AND THAT ONE MODEL, I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK
8 AT ALL THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF IT. AND I APPRECIATE HAVING
9 THE COMMUNITY INPUT. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME THIS MORNING.
10 I APPRECIATE IT.

11

12 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, THANK YOU. MARCEL MELANSON?

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14 **MARCEL MELANSON:** YES, MARCEL MELANSON. I'M THE DEPUTY FIRE
15 CHIEF FOR THE COMPTON FIRE DEPARTMENT. AND LIKE CHIEF SAUTER
16 AND LIKE MISS BURKE MENTIONED EARLIER, WE ARE HERE BECAUSE WE
17 COULD CLAIM TO BE THE MOST AFFECTED COMMUNITY. WE ARE DIRECTLY
18 IMPACTED BY THE M.L.K. CLOSURE. AND JUST TO ECHO A LOT OF WHAT
19 CHIEF SAUTER STATED, OUR PATIENTS AND OUR COMMUNITY THAT WE
20 ARE SEEING ARE SUFFERING. WE ARE UNABLE TO DO THE MISSION THAT
21 WE'VE SET OUT TO DO, AND THAT'S PROVIDE HEALTHCARE TO THE BEST
22 OF OUR ABILITY. TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY MEANS WE'RE ABLE TO
23 PROVIDE SOMEBODY THAT'S THERE WHEN YOU CALL 911 WITHIN FOUR
24 MINUTES. IT'S THE NATIONAL AVERAGE, THAT'S WHAT WE TRY TO DO
25 ON A DAILY BASIS. HOWEVER, LIKE CHIEF SAUTER BROUGHT UP, WE'RE



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1 HAVING TO GO FURTHER AND WAIT LONGER FOR THESE CALLS THAT HAVE
2 NORMALLY TAKEN A TURN AROUND TIME WHERE WE'RE ABLE TO GET BACK
3 AND PROVIDE THIS SERVICE. LIKE CHIEF SAUTER RECOMMENDED, I
4 THINK THAT THIS PROBLEM HAS BASICALLY PUT A MICROSCOPE ON A
5 PROBLEM THAT HAS EXISTED BEFORE, HOWEVER IT'S BEEN ABLE TO BE
6 MANAGED AND MAINTAINED BY THE SYSTEM. HOWEVER, IT'S HIT US SO
7 STRONGLY AND SO QUICK WITH THE CLOSURE OF KING, WE'RE UNABLE
8 TO PROVIDE THAT DEFENSIVE APPROACH, WE'RE UNABLE TO GET
9 PARAMEDICS TO THE PEOPLE THAT REQUIRE IT ON A CONSISTENT BASIS
10 WITH A CONSISTENT TIME FRAME. I BELIEVE YOU LOOK AT THAT AS A
11 TRAGEDY IN THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE'RE SERVICING ONLY FROM THE
12 STANDPOINT OF THESE PEOPLE DESERVE THE BEST SERVICE POSSIBLE.
13 THESE PEOPLE DESERVE THEIR ABILITY TO SEEK HEALTHCARE AT THE
14 EXPEDIENT BASIS. IT'S FRUSTRATING FROM A FIRE DEPARTMENT
15 MANAGERIAL STANDPOINT TO SEE YOUR COMMUNITY AND TRY TO PROVIDE
16 THAT SERVICE, BUT BECAUSE OF A SYSTEM, YOU'RE UNABLE TO DO
17 THAT. AND THERE'S A NUMBER OF REASONS. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK
18 THE BOARD AND I'D LIKE TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
19 SERVICES FOR THEIR DILIGENCE IN MEETING ABOUT THIS. BUT LIKE I
20 THINK THE BIGGEST POINT HERE TODAY, WE'RE JUST HERE TO STRESS
21 THE IMPORTANCE, BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT IT IS HAPPENING, IT'S
22 REAL, IT'S OUTSTRETCHED ALONG FURTHER THAN THE DISTRICTS THAT
23 ARE DIRECTLY IMPACTED BECAUSE OF THE WAY THE FIRE SERVICE
24 WORKS. IT'S KIND OF A DOMINO EFFECT. AND WE'D JUST LIKE, FROM
25 THE FIRE SERVICE, TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THIS IS AN EFFECT



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1 THAT'S AFFECTING MORE THAN JUST THE SECOND DISTRICT, AFFECTING
2 MORE THAN JUST THE M.L.K. AREA. IT'S LONG OUTSTRETCHED. AND WE
3 WANT TO GET BACK TO PROVIDING THAT SERVICE ON A CONSISTENT
4 BASIS. AND WE WANT PEOPLE SERVICED FOR WHAT THEY DESERVE THE
5 MOST.

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7 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK WE ALL APPRECIATE THAT. CAN I
8 ASK BOTH CHIEFS A QUESTION? WHAT IS THE POPULATION OF DOWNEY
9 NOW? ROUGHLY?

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11 **MARK SAUTER:** APPROXIMATELY 115,000.

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13 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** 115,000. AND HOW MANY PARAMEDICS? YOU
14 DON'T DISPATCH AMBULANCES, YOU HAVE PARAMEDIC FIREFIGHTERS, IS
15 THAT THE WAY IT WORKS THERE?

16

17 **MARK SAUTER:** YES, WE DO. WE HAVE TWO PARAMEDIC SQUADS THAT
18 GENERALLY HANDLE OUR CALL LOAD. AND WE HAVE AUTOMATIC AID, AND
19 MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS WITH THOSE THAT ARE AROUND US.

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21 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** AND HOW MANY FIRE STATIONS DO YOU HAVE?

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23 **MARK SAUTER:** FOUR.

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1 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** AND ALL OF THOSE STATIONS ARE EQUIPPED
2 WITH -- EVERY FIREFIGHTER IS A PARAMEDIC?

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4 **MARK SAUTER:** NO. GENERALLY, AND I'LL SPEAK WITH MOST OF THE
5 FIRE SERVICE IN OUR COUNTY, EACH DEPARTMENT HAS A SET NUMBER
6 OF PARAMEDICS THAT ARE FIREFIGHTERS WITH SPECIALIZED TRAINING
7 THAT WILL GET YOU CERTIFICATION AS A PARAMEDIC.

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9 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** SO OF THE -- HOW MANY FIREFIGHTERS --

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11 **MARK SAUTER:** WE HAVE 33 FIREFIGHTERS.

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13 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW MANY OF THEM ARE PARAMEDICS?

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15 **MARK SAUTER:** 18 ARE PARAMEDICS.

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17 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** A LITTLE OVER HALF ARE PARAMEDICS. HOW
18 ABOUT IN COMPTON?

19

20 **MARCEL MELANSON:** WE HAVE FOUR --

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22 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT'S THE POPULATION OF COMPTON?

23

24 **MARCEL MELANSON:** RIGHT AROUND 100,000.

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1 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** AND HOW MANY PARAMEDICS?

2

3 **MARCEL MELANSON:** PARAMEDICS? WE HAVE FOUR PER DAY, TWO
4 PARAMEDIC AMBULANCES.

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6 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** TWO CITY PARAMEDIC AMBULANCES?

7

8 **MARCEL MELANSON:** YES.

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10 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THEN HOW MANY FIREFIGHTERS DO YOU
11 HAVE?

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13 **MARCEL MELANSON:** WE STAFF 24 PER DAY AT THE MAX.

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15 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** 24 PER DAY AND THE 33 YOU TALKED ABOUT
16 IS TOTAL, RIGHT?

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18 **MARK SAUTER:** TOTAL DEPARTMENT, YES.

19

20 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT IS YOUR TOTAL?

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22 **MARCEL MELANSON:** 72. WE HAVE A ROTATIONAL BASIS WITH SHIFT
23 WORK.

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1 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** AND OF THE 72, HOW MANY ARE CERTIFIED
2 PARAMEDICS?

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4 **MARCEL MELANSON:** I BELIEVE OF THOSE 72, I GOING TO TAKE A
5 ROUGH ESTIMATE OF APPROXIMATELY 20 TO 25. BUT YOU'VE GOT TO
6 KNOW THAT ACTIVELY SERVING AS A PARAMEDIC VERSUS A PARAMEDIC
7 LICENSE IS SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN OUR DEPARTMENT. WHEN YOU
8 PROMOTE AND/OR YOU'RE WORKING IN A DIFFERENT CAPACITY, YOU'RE
9 NOT READILY USING YOUR PARAMEDIC CERTIFICATION. HOWEVER, WE DO
10 DOWNGRADE TO WHAT'S CALLED AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN,
11 WHICH IS BASIC LIFE SUPPORT. SO WE DO RENDER BASIC LIFE
12 SUPPORT SERVICES WITH EVERYBODY IN OUR DEPARTMENT.

13

14 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** UNDERSTOOD. LET ME ASK CAROL. THE CITY
15 OF L.A. HAS GONE NOW -- WHERE ARE THEY IN TERMS OF FIREFIGHTER
16 PARAMEDICS?

17

18 **CAROL MEYER:** THEY HAVE A COMBINED SERVICE. THEY'RE SIMILAR TO
19 THESE DEPARTMENTS WHERE THEY'RE A COMBINATION
20 FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC.

21

22 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT OF THE SEVERAL THOUSAND FIREFIGHTERS
23 THEY HAVE, HOW MANY ARE CERTIFIED PARAMEDICS? AREN'T MOST OF
24 THEM? I THINK THEY HAVE GONE TO A SYSTEM -- I MAY BE WRONG.

25



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1 **MARCEL MELANSON:** THEY WENT TO A SYSTEM WHERE THERE'S A
2 PARAMEDIC RESOURCE ON EVERY FIRE APPARATUS. NOT ONLY THE
3 AMBULANCES, THE A.L.S., ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT, BUT NOW THERE'S
4 A PARAMEDIC RESOURCE AT EVERY SINGLE APPARATUS, WHETHER IT'S
5 BIG HOOK AND LADDERS OR THE PUMPERS OR WHATEVER.

6

7 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** SO I GUESS WHAT I'M DRIVING AT HERE IS -
8 - AND I THINK WE ALL APPRECIATE YOU COMING HERE. AND WE KNOW
9 THE STRESS THAT YOUR TWO CITIES ARE UNDER AS WELL AS A LOT OF
10 OTHER CITIES THAT ARE AFFECTED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BY
11 KING'S CLOSURE, BY FREEMAN'S CLOSURE, BY R.F.K.'S CLOSURE A
12 FEW YEARS AGO. BY

13

14 **MARCEL MELANSON:** CHARTER SUBURBAN IS ANOTHER ONE.

15

16 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** SEVERAL HOSPITALS IN THE VALLEY. ODDLY
17 ENOUGH THE CITY COUNCIL IS DEBATING WHETHER TO ADD 100 BEDS
18 WHILE WE'RE SITTING HERE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO MANAGE
19 THE CLOSURES. SO WE ALL APPRECIATE THAT. AND I GUESS WHEN
20 FREEMAN CLOSED, IT WOULD HAVE MADE NO SENSE FOR ANYBODY TO
21 COME TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND WEIGH IN ON THE CLOSURE
22 OF FREEMAN, BECAUSE WE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. BUT WE HAD
23 SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE CLOSURE OF KING. AND SO IT'S
24 APPROPRIATE THAT YOU COME HERE. BUT IT'S NOT JUST KING. IT'S
25 THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT OF ALL OF THESE. AND KING IS A BIG PART



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1 OF THIS CUMULATIVE IMPACT BUT IT'S PART OF IT. I GUESS IF I
2 WAS A CITY, IF I WAS THE MAYOR OF COMPTON OR DOWNEY AND ALL OF
3 WHAT YOU'RE TELLING ME IS -- YOU WERE TELLING THIS TO ME AT
4 THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WOULD DO
5 IS, ASIDE FROM KEEP THE HEAT ON THE COUNTY TO GET KING OPENED
6 AGAIN, BUT IN LIGHT OF THE GENERAL AMBIENT GROWTH IN DEMAND
7 FOR PARAMEDIC SERVICES IN GENERAL, EXACERBATED BY THE VARIOUS
8 CLOSURES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE, I WOULD TRY TO FIGURE OUT A
9 WAY TO EITHER GET MY FIREFIGHTERS TRAINED AS PARAMEDICS AND
10 GET SOME TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT, EXPAND MY CONTRACTS FOR
11 TRANSPORT OR GET SOME ADDITIONAL PARAMEDIC AMBULANCES. BECAUSE
12 IF YOU'VE GOT TWO, AND I MIGHT BE TOTALLY FOOLISH IN WHAT I'M
13 SAYING, BECAUSE THIS IS NOT MY FIELD OF EXPERTISE. BUT IF YOU
14 HAVE TWO PARAMEDIC SQUADS IN DOWNEY AND YOUR PROBLEM NOW,
15 ASIDE FROM EVERYTHING ELSE, YOUR PROBLEM IS THAT THEY HAVE TO
16 GO FARTHER, LONGER DISTANCES TO DEAL WITH THE PATIENT AND THEN
17 ANOTHER LONG DISTANCE COMING BACK TO YOUR BASE STATION, THEN
18 YOU MIGHT WANT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PARAMEDIC SQUADS,
19 EVEN IF IT'S ON AN INTERIM BASIS, SO THAT YOU CAN COVER THIS
20 HIATUS BETWEEN THE PRESENT AND THE TIME THAT HOPEFULLY THE
21 TREND TURNS AROUND IN THE HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SYSTEM. THERE IS
22 SOMETHING THAT THE CITY CAN DO ABOUT SOME OF THIS TO HELP
23 MANAGE THIS DISTANCE PROBLEM AND THIS AVAILABILITY PROBLEM.
24 AND THERE'S OBVIOUSLY SOMETHING WE'VE GOT TO DO TO HELP YOU
25 ALONG AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN. OBVIOUSLY THIS WASN'T OUR CHOICE



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1 OF ALL THE ALTERNATIVES WE HAD AVAILABLE TO US, THE LAST
2 ALTERNATIVE WE EMPLOY IS TO CLOSE A HOSPITAL. BUT THAT'S WHAT
3 WE FACED AT THE END OF THE DAY. AND SO I'M JUST WONDERING
4 WHETHER EITHER OF YOUR CITIES, AND SOME OF THE OTHER CITIES,
5 YOU CAN'T SPEAK FOR ANY OTHER CITIES --

6

7 **COUNCILMAN MARIO GUERRA:** CHIEF, DO YOU WANT ANSWER THAT OR YOU
8 WANT ME TO -- YOU GO FIRST.

9

10 **MARK SAUTER:** I'LL TRY AND ANSWER ON A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT
11 POINTS. I TOOK A COUPLE NOTES ACTUALLY, TO TRY TO KEEP ON
12 POINT. COMPTON AND DOWNEY OFFER A LITTLE DIFFERENT STYLE OF
13 PARAMEDIC AND EMS CARE THAN SOME OF THE OTHER CITIES IN OUR
14 COUNTY. BOTH OUR DEPARTMENTS HAVE OUR PARAMEDICS TRANSPORT
15 THEIR OWN PATIENTS. WE BOTH OFFER CARE THAT WAY. SIMILAR TO
16 LOS ANGELES CITY, WHERE WE DON'T HAVE TO CALL IN A PRIVATE
17 AMBULANCE AND WAIT FOR THAT. SO THAT'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT. WE
18 ALSO OFFER OUR OWN BASIC LIFE SUPPORT TRANSPORT SYSTEMS WHERE
19 WE EACH HAVE OUR OWN AMBULANCES. COMPTON HAS TWO, DOWNEY HAS
20 ONE, BASED ON CALL LOAD. SO WE CAN HANDLE THAT, SO WE DON'T
21 HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE PRIVATE AMBULANCE RESPONSE TIMES. WE ALSO
22 HAVE A LITTLE BETTER CARE OF OUR PATIENT OR CONTROL OF OUR
23 PATIENT CARE FROM 911 CALL TO DELIVERY AT THE HOSPITAL. SO IN
24 THAT RESPECT, WE'VE DONE EVERYTHING WE CAN TO DEAL WITH THAT.
25 AS FAR AS ADDING PARAMEDICS TO IT, THE SIMPLE -- I GUESS THE



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1 SHORT ANSWER IS, TO ADD PARAMEDICS IS A PRETTY EXPENSIVE WAY
2 TO TAKE CARE OF THAT CALL LOAD AS AN EXTENSION OF THE
3 EMERGENCY ROOM. THE SAD THING IS, WE'RE GOING OUT ON A NUMBER
4 OF CALLS THAT MAY BE PARAMEDIC CALLS, THEY MAY NEED PATIENT
5 CARE. WHEN WE GET THEM TO THE ER, ADDING ONE MORE PARAMEDIC
6 SQUAD TO OUR CITY, FOR INSTANCE, IF THEY GET HUNG UP, WHICH IS
7 VERY FREQUENT FOR HALF AN HOUR TO AN HOUR TO TWO HOURS, I KNOW
8 THAT OUR COLLEAGUES FROM L.A. COUNTY ARE HERE, AS WELL, I
9 THINK THEY CAN ATTEST TO THAT. WHEN YOU HAVE THOSE TYPES OF
10 DELAYS, YOU CAN KEEP ADDING EMERGENCY RESOURCES TO THAT AND IT
11 DOESN'T HELP.

12

13 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT YOU HAD THOSE DELAYS BEFORE MARTIN
14 LUTHER KING HOSPITAL CLOSED, DIDN'T YOU?

15

16 **MARK SAUTER:** VERY INFREQUENTLY.

17

18 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. YOU TELLING ME
19 THE DAY THAT KING HOSPITAL CLOSED WAS THE DAY THAT YOU GOT
20 TIED UP IN AN EMERGENCY ROOM FOR AN HOUR OR TWO HOURS? I'VE
21 HEARD THIS AND I'VE BEEN WITH PARAMEDICS ON RIDE-ALONGS FOR
22 MANY YEARS. THEY DO GET TIED DOWN. IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH
23 HOW MANY HOSPITALS YOU HAVE OPEN OR MAYBE IT DOES, TO SOME
24 DEGREE. BUT IT HAS TO DO WITH THE COMPLICATION OF THE PATIENT,



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1 THE FILLING OUT OF PAPERWORK, THE WITNESSES AND THAT SORT OF
2 THING.

3

4 **MARK SAUTER:** I CAN SHOW YOU THE DATA THAT WE HAVE OVER THE
5 LAST FEW MONTHS THAT WILL SHOW YOU IN COMPARISON TO '06 TO '07
6 AND THE DIFFERENCE IN WHAT IS COMMONLY CALLED LULL TIME. I'D
7 BE HAPPY TO SHARE THAT WITH YOU.

8

9 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT IS THE DELAY YOU'RE EXPERIENCING
10 TYPICALLY?

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12 **MARK SAUTER:** TYPICALLY IT'S THE EMERGENCY ROOM STAFF CANNOT
13 TAKE ANOTHER PATIENT. WHETHER THE PATIENTS THAT ARE IN THE ER
14 -- WE HAVE A 22-BED EMERGENCY ROOM. WHETHER IT'S 15 PATIENTS
15 THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN ADMITTED THAT ARE TAKING 15 OF THE 22
16 BEDS, SO ESSENTIALLY YOU HAVE A 7-ROOM EMERGENCY ROOM. WHETHER
17 IT'S THE NURSE/STAFF RATIOS OR THE DOCTORS THAT ARE TOO BUSY
18 TO TAKE REPORT FROM YOUR PARAMEDICS.

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20 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. SO THEN THEREFORE WHAT HAPPENS?

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22 **MARK SAUTER:** WE CAN'T --

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24 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU CAN'T TAKE THEM TO YOUR LOCAL
25 HOSPITAL.



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2 **MARK SAUTER:** WE CAN'T LEAVE A PATIENT IN THE HALLWAY WITHOUT
3 DOING A REPORT AND PASSING OFF CARE OF THAT PATIENT.

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5 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT DO YOU DO?

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7 **MARK SAUTER:** YOU WAIT.

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9 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU WAIT. YOU DON'T TAKE THEM TO THE
10 NEXT HOSPITAL?

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12 **MARK SAUTER:** NOW, ACTUALLY WE CAN'T WE ACTUALLY GET --

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14 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** I MEAN, AREN'T YOU ADVISED AHEAD OF
15 TIME? I THOUGHT THAT WE ADVISED, THE SYSTEM ADVISES WHERE
16 THEY'RE FULL. AND I MEAN I'VE SEEN IT WITH RELATIVES AND
17 FRIENDS OF MINE THAT THEY WERE TAKEN, THEY COULDN'T GO TO
18 HUNTINGTON IN PASADENA, THEY WENT TO GLENDALE SEVENTH DAY
19 ADVENTIST BECAUSE HUNTINGTON WAS FULL UP. AND THAT WAS ANOTHER
20 SIX OR SEVEN MILES, OR WHATEVER IT WAS.

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22 **CAROL MEYER:** YEAH, THAT'S THE DIVERSION PROCESS.

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1 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S THE DIVERSION PROCESS. SO YOU'RE
2 SAYING YOU GET DIVERTED TO A HOSPITAL THAT HAS PEOPLE -- THAT
3 ARE FULL?

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5 **MARK SAUTER:** WE CAN EITHER GET DIVERTED TO ANOTHER HOSPITAL
6 AND HAVE TO WAIT AGAIN. AND NOT ALL THE HOSPITALS HAVE READY
7 NET CAPACITY. FOR INSTANCE, COAST PLAZA HOSPITAL DOES NOT.
8 THEY'RE OUR NEXT CLOSEST HOSPITAL. THEY DON'T HAVE READY NET.
9 SO WE GO THERE, IT'S A BLIND SHOT, IF YOU WILL, TO GET THERE
10 AND ARRIVE. AND WE HAVE LONG WAIT TIMES THERE. THE OTHER ISSUE
11 IS THE BASIC LIFE SUPPORT AMBULANCES THAT MARCEL AND I BOTH
12 HAVE, THERE'S NO READY NET SYSTEM FOR BASIC LIFE SUPPORT
13 AMBULANCES. THEY'RE ALLOWED TO GO TO THE NEAREST FACILITY, AND
14 THAT BACKS UP THE EMERGENCY ROOMS AS WELL. THEY'RE NOT
15 REGULATED.

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17 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS CONSIDERED LIFE SUPPORT? LIKE
18 LIFE-THREATENING? HEART ATTACK, STROKE?

19

20 **MARK SAUTER:** LIFE-THREATENING, YEAH, FOR PARAMEDICS WOULD BE,
21 THEY NEED TO GIVE PATIENT CARE ALL THE WAY TO THE HOSPITAL AND
22 THEN MONITOR THAT PATIENT UNTIL THEY CAN HAND THAT PATIENT OFF
23 TO A NURSE OR A DOCTOR. BASIC LIFE SUPPORT COULD BE SOMEONE
24 WITH ANYWHERE FROM A HIP INJURY, SOMETHING THAT'S NON-LIFE



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1 THREATENING THAT CAN REPORTEDLY WAIT FOR A LITTLE WHILE BEFORE
2 THAT PATIENT WOULD NEED URGENT CARE.

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4 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** STILL HAVE THE MAJORITY OF YOUR CALLS
5 BEING NON-LIFE THREATENING?

6

7 **MARK SAUTER:** WE TRANSPORT ABOUT 2,500 PATIENTS A YEAR WITH OUR
8 PARAMEDICS AND ABOUT 1,500 TO 2,000 WITH OUR BASIC LIFE
9 SUPPORT. SO IN OUR CASE IT'S ABOUT 65% PARAMEDICS AND ABOUT
10 35%, IF MY MATH'S RIGHT --

11

12 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT WHAT PERCENTAGE ARE LIFE
13 THREATENING?

14

15 **MARK SAUTER:** WE'D SAY 65%. THAT'S THE ONES OUR PARAMEDICS
16 FOLLOW-UP ON.

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18 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S REALLY DIFFERENT THAN THE CITY OF
19 LOS ANGELES, WHERE I THINK IT'S LIKE ONE OUT OF FOUR, OR ONE
20 OUT OF FIVE. I MEAN THEY GET EVERY CALL IN THE BOOK.
21 SOMEBODY'S THROWING UP ON THE CORNER, SOMEBODY'S INEBRIATED,
22 SOMEBODY'S NOT FEELING WELL, GOT A FEVER, BLOODY NOSE, MORE
23 SERIOUS STUFF OBVIOUSLY.

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1 **MARK SAUTER:** ABOUT ADDING MORE PARAMEDICS. IT'S A SIX-MONTH
2 PROCESS TO SEND MORE FIREFIGHTERS THROUGH PARAMEDIC SCHOOL.
3 IT'S A GREAT EXPERIENCE. I'VE BEEN THROUGH IT. MARCEL HAS BEEN
4 THROUGH IT. IT'S A LIFE CHANGING EVENT, BUT IT'S A COSTLY ONE
5 FOR THE CITIES. I'D GUESS IT'S SOMEWHERE BETWEEN \$50,000 AND
6 \$60,000 FOR OUR CITY TO SEND A FIREFIGHTER THROUGH. AND IT
7 OBVIOUSLY TAKES TIME. WE'RE IN A SITUATION NOW WHERE WE'RE
8 VERY CONCERNED THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH RESOURCES FOR THE COMING
9 FLU SEASON. AND GENERALLY OUR CALL LOAD WILL PICK UP FROM NOW
10 UNTIL AFTER THE HOLIDAYS. SO WE'RE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT.
11 THE INCREASING DISTANCES THAT WE GO. YOU MENTIONED DIVERSION
12 AND MENTIONED THAT PATIENTS CAN GET TREATED AT THE LOCAL
13 FACILITY. THAT'S IDEAL. IF WE ARE DIVERTED TO ANOTHER
14 FACILITY, FOR INSTANCE, WE GO TO WHITTIER PRES, WHICH IS ABOUT
15 SEVEN TO EIGHT MILES OUT OF OUR CITY. IS THAT A BIG DEAL? ON
16 THE FRONT END IT MAY NOT LOOK LIKE IT'S A BAD THING. IT'S
17 ANOTHER 15 MINUTES IN TRAVEL TIME, PERHAPS, IN A CODE THREE
18 AMBULANCE. THE DOWN SIDE IS IT KEEPS YOUR PARAMEDICS NOW,
19 RATHER THAN BE ABLE TO IDEALLY TURN THAT PATIENT OVER WITHIN A
20 15-MINUTE TIME AND BE AVAILABLE, NOW THEY'VE GOT 15 MINUTES TO
21 TRAVEL TO P.I.H. THEY'VE GOT TO GO TO A PLACE THEY DON'T
22 USUALLY GO TO. THEY'VE GOT TO TRANSFER THE CARE OF THAT
23 PATIENT OVER. AND THEN THEY'VE GOT AT LEAST A 15 TO MAYBE EVEN
24 30 MINUTE TIME TO GET BACK TO THEIR OWN DISTRICT TO BE IN A
25 POSITION WHERE THEY CAN RESPOND TO AN EMERGENCY LIKE WE ALL



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1 EXPECT THEM TO DO. SO THE DIVERSION FACTOR REALLY IS A LARGE
2 FACTOR.

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4 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY QUESTION ABOUT
5 IT.

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7 **CAROL MEYER:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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9 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** HANG ON ONE SECOND. I DON'T THINK
10 THERE'S ANY QUESTION ABOUT IT. AND WE'RE ALL SYMPATHETIC AND
11 EMPATHETIC. I WOULD JUST SAY THAT MY BET IS -- AND IT'S NOT MY
12 ROLE TO TELL YOU WHAT TO DO IN DOWNEY OR COMPTON OR ANYWHERE
13 ELSE. BUT IT WOULD SEEM TO ME -- IF MY MEMORY SERVES ME
14 CORRECTLY, CLOSE TO 80% OF THE VOTERS OF DOWNEY VOTED FOR
15 MEASURE B IN 2002. THAT WAS A PARCEL TAX. MY BET IS THAT IF
16 YOU PUT A PARCEL TAX ON THE BALLOT IN DOWNEY TO ADD TWO
17 PARAMEDIC AMBULANCES TO YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT, I'M JUST
18 THROWING OUT A NUMBER, THAT YOU'D GET THE TWO-THIRDS REQUIRED
19 TO GET THAT DONE. I'M JUST GUESSING. I DON'T THINK DOWNEY IS
20 ANY LESS CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR HEALTH THAN ANY OTHER
21 COMMUNITY.

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23 **COUNCILMAN MARIO GUERRA:** I'M NOT SURE THAT WOULD SOLVE THE
24 PROBLEM, THOUGH.

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1 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THEN WHAT DOES SOLVE THE PROBLEM?

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3 **COUNCILMAN MARIO GUERRA:** WELL, SOLVING THE PROBLEM WOULD BE TO
4 HAVE MORE EMERGENCY MEDICAL FACILITIES.

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6 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** AGREED. AND WE'RE ALL WORKING ON THAT
7 TOGETHER.

8

9 **MARCEL MELANSON:** WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, OUR NUMBER OF RESPONSES
10 HAVE NOT GONE UP. THE TIME IT TAKES TO HANDLE THOSE RESPONSES
11 HAVE.

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13 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND. I'M JUST SUGGESTING A WAY
14 YOU MANAGE THAT IN THE INTERIM.

15

16 **MARCEL MELANSON:** TO ADD PARAMEDICS, WITH GOING THROUGH A
17 MEASURE AND ADDING TAX, LIKE CHIEF SAUTER MENTIONED, IT'S A
18 LONG PROCESS. IT WOULDN'T SOLVE OUR PROBLEM IN THE IMMEDIACY
19 THAT WE NEED IT RIGHT NOW. WE ARE CURRENTLY RUNNING CALLS
20 RIGHT NOW WHERE WE ARE WITHOUT PARAMEDICS. WE HAVE TO TELL
21 THAT PERSON WE HAVE TO FIGURE SOMETHING OUT TO GET PARAMEDICS
22 TO YOU. AND THAT'S WITH THE HELP OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
23 WITH MUTUAL AND AUTO AID. THEY'RE NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE US WITH
24 THE NORMAL PEOPLE THAT THEY CAN PROVIDE US WITH TO HELP US. SO
25 IT'S BIGGER THAN IMPACTING OUR FACILITY. THEIR PARAMEDICS ARE



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1 WAITING AT THE HOSPITAL ALONGSIDE WITH OURS. I WISH L.A. CITY
2 WAS HERE TO MENTION THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE HOSPITALS WITH 10
3 TO 15 AMBULANCES WAITING AT THE HOSPITAL. I MEAN, I THINK THE
4 PROBLEM IS NOT -- THE QUICK THING TO SAY IS ADD PARAMEDICS,
5 BUT THE BIGGER PROBLEM BEING AT THE HOSPITAL LEVEL, BEING
6 BETTER ABLE TO BETTER MANAGE THESE PATIENTS THAT ARE NOW
7 IMPACTED.

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9 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** NO QUESTION ABOUT IT.

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11 **MARCEL MELANSON:** BEING ABLE TO MOVE THEM AROUND. I THINK
12 THAT'S WHERE --

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14 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY QUESTION ABOUT
15 IT. I THINK WE ALL AGREE WITH THAT.

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17 **COUNCILMAN MARIO GUERRA:** LAST WEEK AT DOWNEY REGIONAL MEDICAL
18 CENTER, I'M THE POLICE CHAPLAIN THERE, FOR THE CITY OF DOWNEY,
19 AND THERE WAS FIVE GURNEYS LINED UP THERE WITH FIVE DIFFERENT
20 PARAMEDIC SQUADS FROM DIFFERENT CITIES AND HAD OVER AN HOUR
21 AND A HALF WAIT. SO THERE IS NOW 10 PARAMEDICS SITTING THERE
22 JUST WAITING IN THE HALLWAYS, LITERALLY. ANYWAYS. I'M SORRY.

23

24 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND THE ISSUE AND WE'VE UNDERSTOOD IT
2 FOR A LONG TIME. THIS IS NORMAL AT L.A. COUNTY USC. NORMAL FOR
3 MANY OF OUR PARAMEDICS, WHICH IS UNFORTUNATE. I THINK IT
4 SPEAKS VOLUMES ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY AND WHAT NEEDS TO
5 BE GOING ON. AND THAT IS, WE NEED HEALTHCARE REFORM. I DON'T
6 KNOW IF YOU'VE LISTENED TO ANY OF OUR BOARD MEETINGS, BUT
7 WE'RE IN A HUGE FINANCIAL DEFICIT. IN OUR DEPARTMENT, IN OUR
8 HEALTH DEPARTMENT RIGHT NOW, WE ARE IN A SITUATION WHERE THERE
9 IS NO DOUBT WE HAVE POURED A LOT OF MONEY INTO MARTIN LUTHER
10 KING, WE DID EVERYTHING WE COULD TO SAVE IT. WE'RE STILL
11 EXPLORING EVERY EFFORT. WE HOPE IN DECEMBER WE'RE GOING TO
12 HAVE SOME IDEA OF WHERE WE'RE GOING SO WE CAN BEGIN
13 NEGOTIATIONS. SO MAYBE BY THIS TIME NEXT YEAR WE WILL HAVE A
14 NEW OPERATOR OPERATING MARTIN LUTHER KING THAT WILL AT LEAST
15 RELIEVE YOU OF SOME OF THOSE ISSUES, BECAUSE WE'LL HAVE MORE
16 BEDS AVAILABLE. THE PROBLEM IS MUCH LARGER THAN THAT. THE
17 PROBLEM IS WE WILL STILL HAVE A DEFICIT AT L.A. COUNTY. AT ONE
18 POINT IN TIME ALMOST 12, 13 YEARS AGO IT WAS SAID THAT WE WERE
19 GOING TO HAVE TO CLOSE ALL OF OUR HOSPITALS BUT ONE IN ORDER
20 TO JUST SUSTAIN IT FINANCIALLY WITHIN OUR MEANS. THIS IS A
21 HEALTHCARE CRISIS. THE ISSUE, COUNCILMAN, THAT YOU TALK ABOUT
22 IS THE ISSUE THAT AFFECTS EVERY COMMUNITY. AND IT IS NOT
23 HAVING ENOUGH BEDS. SO WHETHER YOU HAVE INSURANCE, WHETHER YOU
24 HAVE YOUR OWN PRIVATE DOC, AT THE END OF THE DAY, IN THE
25 EMERGENCY ROOM, YOU WILL WAIT IN LINE WITH EVERYONE ELSE. AND



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1 SO CONSEQUENTLY, WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS LOOK AT THE LARGER
2 ISSUE. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT TODAY SENATOR PERALTA AND
3 ASSEMBLYMAN FABIAN NUNEZ ARE GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT A WHOLE
4 NEW PLAN FOR HEALTHCARE REFORM. THIS IS WHAT WE NEED TO START
5 LOOKING AT, I MEAN OPEN UP OUR EYES. OUR TRADITIONAL SYSTEM IS
6 NOT WORKING. THE IMPACT OF THESE HOSPITALS CLOSING IS BECAUSE
7 THEY'RE JUST FINANCIALLY NOT CAPABLE OF SUSTAINING THOSE BEDS,
8 SO CONSEQUENTLY THEY CLOSE. THIS IS THE FIRST PUBLIC HOSPITAL
9 TO CLOSE TO THIS LEVEL. IT HAS MADE A HUGE IMPACT. BUT THAT
10 WHOLE 105 CORRIDOR IS HAVING A BIG IMPACT BY THE CUMULATIVE
11 CLOSURES. SO I THINK WHAT WE NEED TO SPEAK ABOUT AND TALK
12 ABOUT, BECAUSE INCREMENTALLY WE'RE NOT GOING TO CHANGE THIS
13 FOR YOU UNTIL WE PUT THOSE BEDS BACK ONLINE. BOTTOM LINE. YOU
14 CAN HIRE 22 MORE PARAMEDICS AND THEY'RE ALL GOING TO STAND IN
15 LINE TOGETHER. THAT'S THE PROBLEM.

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17 **MARK SAUTER:** CORRECT.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THE ISSUE IS, WE NEED MORE BEDS. WE ARE
20 TRYING, AND THAT IS THE EFFORT THAT WE'RE MAKING IN THE REPORT
21 THAT WAS MADE TODAY, TO GET THOSE BEDS BACK ONLINE. BUT THE
22 REALITY IS THAT IN THE LONG RUN, THIS COUNTY CANNOT SUSTAIN,
23 TO PROVIDE HEALTHCARE FOR ALL OF THESE PEOPLE WHO DO NOT HAVE
24 HEALTHCARE INSURANCE, WHICH IS MOST OF OUR PEOPLE, MOST OF THE
25 PATIENTS THAT WE SERVE. AND VERY FRANKLY, EVEN UNDER THE



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1 PROPOSALS THAT HAVE BEEN UP TODAY, WE WERE NOT SURE THAT WE
2 WERE GOING TO GET THE KIND OF REIMBURSEMENT TO SUSTAIN THE
3 BEDS THAT WE HAD. SO WE'VE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO. BUT THE
4 ANSWER IS GOING TO BE, NUMBER ONE, IS THAT WE NEED TO FIND, TO
5 GET THOSE BEDS BACK ONLINE. AT MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL, IT
6 IS ESSENTIAL NOT ONLY TO THE WELL-BEING OF THAT COMMUNITY AND
7 THAT NEIGHBORHOOD, BUT THE WELL-BEING OF ALL THE NEIGHBORING
8 HOSPITALS. WE KNOW THAT AND WE'RE TRYING TO DO THAT. SECOND OF
9 ALL, WE'VE GOT TO RESOLVE THE HEALTHCARE CRISIS AND THE
10 DEFICIT FOR L.A. COUNTY. WE ARE THE LARGEST PUBLIC HOSPITAL
11 SYSTEM ANYWHERE. AND SO CONSEQUENTLY, WE PLAY A VERY CRITICAL
12 ROLE. BUT BELIEVE ME, THE LINES THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ARE
13 NOT NEW TO MANY OF US AT L.A. COUNTY USC AND SOME OF OUR OTHER
14 FACILITIES. YOU ARE NOW FEELING THE IMPACT. AND IF WE DON'T
15 SOLVE THE HEALTHCARE CRISIS IN THE NEAR FUTURE, THE KIND OF
16 IMPACT THAT WE ARE HAVING AT DOWNEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER IS
17 JUST THE BEGINNING. AND THE WORST THING IS GOING TO BE THAT
18 DAY WHEN YOU SIT THERE RUNNING INTO THE EMERGENCY ROOM WITH
19 YOUR CHILD OR WITH YOUR WIFE AND WAITING IN LINE FOR HOURS
20 UPON HOURS JUST TO GET THE ATTENTION. IT ISN'T JUST THAT
21 PARAMEDICS CAN'T BE OUT THERE TAKING CARE OF OTHER PEOPLE,
22 WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME FIX. AND SO IT ISN'T JUST ONE COMMUNITY.
23 IT'S AFFECTING EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US. SO HOPEFULLY WE'RE
24 GOING TO HAVE A LEGISLATURE THAT CAN WAKE UP AND ADDRESS SOME
25 OF THESE ISSUES. COLLECTIVELY, ALL OF US UNDERSTAND THAT IT



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1 ISN'T JUST OUR PROBLEM IN L.A. COUNTY. IT ISN'T JUST DOWNEY'S
2 PROBLEM. IT'S EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US. AND SO I APPRECIATE WHAT
3 YOU'RE SAYING. AND I DO HOPE THAT OUR DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO
4 LOOK AT THE ISSUES THAT WERE ADDRESSED. THEY SAID THAT EMS
5 SHOULD LOOK AT THE TRANSPORT ISSUES. I THINK WE SHOULD REVIEW
6 THEM. I THINK IT IS WORTH OUR WHILE TO UNDERSTAND HOW LONG IS
7 THE WAIT. WHAT IS GOING ON, WHAT KIND OF IMPACT IT HAS, TO
8 LOOK AT THE PATIENT DELIVERY ISSUES THAT ARE GOING ON. TO WHAT
9 EXTENT? I THINK THAT'S A RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE HAVE. BECAUSE
10 WE RUN THAT WHOLE SYSTEM. AS WELL AS, YOU KNOW, ALL OF THE
11 OTHER ISSUES THAT ARE RELATED TO THE PATIENT AND THE PARAMEDIC
12 AND SO ON. BUT I THINK WE HAVE A DUTY TO DO THAT. BUT
13 UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS NOTHING RIGHT NOW THAT IS GOING TO
14 MAKE THIS GO AWAY FOR YOU IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS. IF WE
15 ARE FORTUNATE, THIS TIME NEXT YEAR WE WILL HAVE MORE THAN 200
16 OF THOSE BEDS BACK ONLINE, WHEN WE'LL SOLVE A BIG DEAL, AT
17 LEAST PUT YOU BACK TO THE NORMAL, IF THERE IS SUCH A THING AS
18 NORMAL NOWADAYS. BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT COULD
19 HAPPEN IS TO FIND A WAY TO RESOLVE THE HEALTHCARE CRISIS NOT
20 ONLY FOR THE ENTIRE STATE BUT ALSO FOR L.A. COUNTY.

21

22 **COUNCILMAN MARIO GUERRA:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THANK YOU ALL.

25



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1 **MARK SAUTER:** CAN I MENTION ONE THING? YOU BROUGHT UP MEASURE
2 B.

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4 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ONE THING.

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6 **MARK SAUTER:** IF YOU -- IF THE COUNTY OR THE BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS ARE WILLING TO EVALUATE MEASURE B. AND IF THERE IS
8 A POSSIBILITY FOR THAT TO SUPPLANT A, THE STAFFING --

9

10 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** I WAS GOING TO COMMEND YOU FOR HAVING
11 BEEN HERE A HALF HOUR AND NOT ASKING FOR MONEY. NOT ASKING FOR
12 MONEY FOR DOWNEY COUNTY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL.

13

14 **COUNCILMAN MARIO GUERRA:** I BIT MY TONGUE ON THAT ONE.

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16 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THAT'S A DIFFERENT ISSUE. I
17 CERTAINLY WOULDN'T GO THERE TODAY.

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19 **COUNCILMAN MARIO GUERRA:** WE HOPE THE HOSPITAL'S THERE A YEAR
20 FROM NOW.

21

22 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WE ARE NOT THE FINANCIER FOR THE FAILING
23 HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY. THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT IS NOT OUR FAULT
24 AND IT'S NOT OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BAIL OUT THESE MULTIBILLION
25 DOLLAR CORPORATIONS THAT ARE RIPPING OFF PATIENTS, INVESTORS,



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1 AND COMMUNITIES. IT'S JUST NOT RIGHT. AND WHEN THESE
2 COMPANIES, AND I WON'T MENTION ANY NAMES, ONE OF THEM --
3 THEY'RE ALL OVER THE COUNTY. IT'S NOT JUST IN YOUR CATCHMENT
4 AREA. IT'S IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, IT'S IN THE WEST SIDE
5 OF LOS ANGELES. BROTMAN JUST ANNOUNCED THEY'RE GOING BANKRUPT,
6 BIG HOSPITAL IN WEST LOS ANGELES. ENCINO-TARZANA MEDICAL
7 CENTER, GOING TO BE SOLD OUT FROM UNDER THE COMMUNITY. WE
8 COULD GO ON AND ON. I KNOW MY PART OF THE COUNTY MUCH BETTER
9 THAN I KNOW EVERYBODY ELSE'S. BUT I'M SURE EVERY ONE OF MY
10 COLLEAGUES COULD GIVE YOU A LIST.

11

12 **COUNCILMAN MARIO GUERRA:** SIR, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, HOPEFULLY,
13 IF THE MONEY WOULD FOLLOW THE PATIENT, THE PATIENT GOING TO
14 M.L.K., WOULD FOLLOW THAT AND THE SAME AMOUNT THAT WAS BEING
15 GIVEN TO ST. FRANCIS, A DSH HOSPITAL, WOULD GO TO DOWNEY
16 REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER. IT WOULD KEEP THE HOSPITAL OPEN.

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18 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT DOWNEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER ISN'T
19 A DSH -- ANYWAY, IT'S ANOTHER STORY.

20

21 **COUNCILMAN MARIO GUERRA:** I TRIED. THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN WE BRING UP THE ADDITIONAL BEDS THAT WE COULD
24 HAVE HAD AT L.A. COUNTY USC?

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1 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT WE, BUT SOMEONE
2 MIGHT BRING IT UP. ALL RIGHT.

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4 **COUNCILMAN MARIO GUERRA:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, SUPERVISORS.

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6 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT, ANYWAY, THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE YOU
7 COMING DOWN.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** AND WE KNOW YOU'RE DOING A GOOD JOB. YOU KNOW, WE
10 APPRECIATE THE JOB YOU'RE DOING UNDER A VERY DIFFICULT
11 CIRCUMSTANCE. WE HAVE A PROBLEM. WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO SOLVE
12 IT AS FAST AS WE CAN.

13

14 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WE'RE ALL IN IT TOGETHER AND WE'RE GOING
15 TO HAVE TO FIX IT TOGETHER. WE WILL, WE WILL, THANK YOU,
16 CHIEF. THANK YOU ALL. ARNOLD SACHS?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST SAY, ARNOLD, YOU ARE CONFUSED ON
19 ACCESSIBILITY. THAT DEALT WITH CONSTRUCTION FOR ADA
20 COMPLIANCE. NOT TRANSPORTATION.

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22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU FOR STRAIGHTENING ME OUT ON THAT,
23 SUPERVISOR. BUT IT'S STILL PART OF THE PROBLEM.

24



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1 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ANYWAY, WE'RE NOT GET INTO A
2 CONVERSATION HERE. THAT IS NOT IN OUR RULES.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT DEALS WITH PUBLIC WORKS REGIONAL PLANNING,
5 IN THAT AREA.

6

7 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. START THE TIME. MR. SACHS,
8 YOU'RE ON.

9

10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, AT YOUR LAST MEETING AT THE BEETLE BAILEY
11 HEARING YOU HAD LAST WEEK, I WAS GOING TO SPEAK BUT I DECIDED
12 TO HOLD MY TONGUE. BUT WHAT WAS INTERESTING WAS THE AMOUNT OF
13 PROFESSIONALS THAT CAME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE COUNTY BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS TO MENTION THE STATISTICS INVOLVING THE
15 POPULATIONS SURROUNDING M.L.K. AND HOW POORLY THE COMMUNITY IS
16 DOING REGARDING PRENATAL BIRTHS, DIABETICS. ANY ONE OF THE
17 PROFESSIONALS THAT CAME IN FRONT OF YOU AND SAT DOWN AND SAID
18 THE NUMBERS ARE ASTOUNDING AND RISING AND THE EFFECTS OF THE
19 CLOSURE OF M.L.K. I WAS JUST WONDERING THE STATUS OF COMMUNITY
20 HEALTH SERVICES, I MEAN CENTERS THAT WERE CLOSED IN THE 2002?
21 THE YEAR 2002, WHEN YOU CLOSED A LOT OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH
22 CENTERS DOWN? WHAT'S THE AVAILABILITY OF THEM? I UNDERSTAND
23 THAT GOING TO THE EMERGENCY ROOMS IS THE MOST EXPENSIVE AND
24 THE COSTLIEST TYPE OF SERVICE OR TREATMENT THAT CAN BE LOOKED
25 AT FOR PATIENTS. AND ALSO, YOU MENTIONED THAT THE COUNTY'S IN



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1 A DEFICIT AND ALTHOUGH THEY DESERVE IT AND I DON'T HOLD THEM
2 BACK FOR IT, YOU GRANTED AN INCREASE TO THE SEIU UNION BACK IN
3 OCTOBER OR SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR THAT'S GOING TO COST THE
4 COUNTY SEVERAL HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS. WHERE'D THAT MONEY
5 COME FROM? WHERE IS THE MONEY THAT THE COUNTY, THE 240,000 OF
6 THE \$440 MILLION BUDGET, WHERE HAS THAT MONEY GONE FROM THE
7 COUNTY? THANK YOU.

8

9 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM, THAT'S
10 NOT AN ACTION ITEM. SO, WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT?

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRECT.

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14 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW MANY CARDS DO WE HAVE ON PUBLIC
15 COMMENT?

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THREE.

18

19 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME HAVE THEM. ALL RIGHT, IT'S PUBLIC
20 COMMENT. CARL BOYER? ANITA BISSETT, AND RICHARD ROBINSON.
21 OKAY, MR. BISSETT?

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE YOU GOING TO SPEAK? COME ON UP AND SIT
24 NEXT TO MR. BOYER. ANOTHER TOPIC.

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1 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** NEAR MR. BOYER. MISS BISSETT, I'M SORRY.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FORMER COUNCILMAN, MAYOR OF SANTA CLARITA.

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5 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WELCOME.

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7 **ANITA BISSETT:** THANK YOU. SHOULD I WAIT? IS HE GOING FIRST?

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9 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S UP TO YOU GUYS. WE'LL LET YOU
10 HANDLE IT ANY WAY YOU WANT.

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12 **ANITA BISSETT:** YOU GO RIGHT AHEAD, SIR.

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14 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT MR. BOYER, YOU'RE ON.

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16 **CARL BOYER:** CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IN THE EARLY YEARS
17 OF OUR NATION, WE RESPONDED TO POPULATION GROWTH BY
18 CONTINUALLY REINVENTING GOVERNMENT. VIRGINIA, NEW YORK AND
19 CONNECTICUT GAVE UP HUGE TERRITORIAL CLAIMS TO ALLOW THE
20 FORMATION OF NEW STATES, INCLUDING KENTUCKY, OHIO AND OTHERS
21 IN THE OLD NORTHWEST. TENNESSEE WAS FORMED OUT OF NORTH
22 CAROLINA. ALABAMA AND MISSISSIPPI WERE CREATED FROM GEORGIA'S
23 TERRITORY. LOS ANGELES COUNTY USED TO EXTEND FROM THE PACIFIC
24 OCEAN TO THE TERRITORY OF NEW MEXICO. YES, AT THAT TIME NEW
25 MEXICO'S WESTERN BOUNDARY WAS THE COLORADO RIVER. BETWEEN 1850



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1 AND 1907, CALIFORNIA COUNTIES WERE SPLIT AND BOUNDARIES WERE
2 ADJUSTED IN RESPONSE TO POPULATION GROWTH. HOWEVER, SINCE
3 1907, COUNTY BOUNDARIES HAVE BEEN FROZEN. NOW LOS ANGELES
4 COUNTY IS HOME TO MORE THAN 10 MILLION PEOPLE. MOST PEOPLE ARE
5 NOT AWARE THAT THIS MAKES OUR COUNTY LARGER THAN THREE-FIFTHS
6 OF THE SOVEREIGN NATIONS OF THE WORLD. WE ARE LARGER THAN THE
7 CZECH REPUBLIC, SWEDEN, AUSTRIA, SWITZERLAND, ISRAEL, NEW
8 ZEALAND, AND A HUNDRED OTHERS. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS
9 THE OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH A MEETING OF ALL STAKEHOLDERS TO
10 DISCUSS BASIC CHANGES IN OUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO ALLOW
11 GOVERNMENT TO BE CLOSER TO THE PEOPLE. I AM ASKING YOU TO SHOW
12 THE LEADERSHIP NECESSARY TO BREAK THE LOG JAM CAUSED BY 100
13 YEARS OF INERTIA. I ENVISION THE REFORM OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT
14 TO BE A REASONED, COOPERATIVE VENTURE WHICH WILL BENEFIT ALL
15 OF US, RESIDENTS, VOTERS, COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND BUSINESS. IT
16 MAY TAKE YEARS TO DO THE JOB, BUT THE TIME TO START IS NOW.
17 PLEASE DIRECT STAFF TO BRING THIS ITEM TO THE AGENDA AND
18 ADVISE ME WHEN IT WILL BE BROUGHT FORWARD. THANK YOU.

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20 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. ANITA BISSETT?

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22 **ANITA BISSETT:** YES, THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE TODAY. I
23 DON'T HAVE ANYTHING PREPARED TO SAY. I'M INGRATIATED TO BE
24 BEFORE ALL OF YOU AND ALL THE HARD WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE TO
25 HOLD THE LINE FOR LIBERTY, JUSTICE, AND FREEDOM FOR ALL OF THE



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1 CITIZENS WITHIN THE COUNTY. IN 1965, MY SINGLE BLACK MOTHER
2 WAS CALLED BEFORE COURT WITH HER SIX CHILDREN. AND IN THAT
3 COURT OF LAW, A JUDGE DENIED HER THE RIGHT TO WORK. THE COURT
4 USED THIS TO FACILITATE THE APPREHENSION AND ARREST OF HER SIX
5 CHILDREN. THIS WAS 43 YEARS AGO, AND COINCIDENTALLY FOUR WEEKS
6 BEFORE THE WATTS RIOTS. I AM THAT BABY THAT WAS TAKEN FROM
7 WATTS BY A UNIFORMED POLICE OFFICER FROM MY SINGLE BLACK
8 MOTHER WHO NEVER COMMITTED A CRIME. AND AT THAT TIME, WHEN MY
9 MOTHER SOUGHT JUSTICE FROM A COURT SYSTEM THAT WOULD NOT
10 RECOGNIZE ANYTHING BUT THE COLOR OF HER SKIN, THERE WAS ONE
11 PERSON WHO VOLUNTEERED TO HELP MY MOTHER FOR FREE. MY MOTHER
12 WENT IN AND REPRESENTED HERSELF PRO BONO AND SHE LOST HER
13 CHILDREN IN THAT COURT OF LAW. AND THAT WOMAN WAS A YOUNG
14 ATTORNEY BY THE NAME OF YVONNE BRATHWAITE-BURKE. AND I'M HERE
15 TODAY AS A SURVIVOR OF MCLAREN'S HALL, AS A SURVIVOR OF
16 MULTIPLE FOSTER HOMES, AS SOMEONE WHO HAS LOST MY LIFE, MY
17 LIBERTY, MY JUSTICE, MY FREEDOM, MY FAMILY. WE HAVE BEEN
18 DEGRADED AGAINST, WE HAVE BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST. AND I AM
19 HERE TODAY BEFORE YOU RETIRE, MISS BURKE, TO THANK YOU FROM
20 THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART ON BEHALF OF MY DECEASED MOTHER AND MY
21 FAMILY. IN 1965, THERE WAS A DREAM THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING HAD
22 AND THAT DREAM WAS LOST FOR HIM IN 1965. THAT DREAM, I WAS
23 SUPPOSED TO BE THAT DREAM. AND THIS COUNTY LOST THAT DREAM
24 ALSO. THIS IS A PICTURE OF MY MOTHER. I HAVE SOUGHT TO BETTER
25 MY LIFE. TWO YEARS AGO, ALTHOUGH I CAME FROM NOTHING, I WENT



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1 TO COLLEGE AND I AM A CERTIFIED PARALEGAL. MY ENDEAVOR TO
2 BECOME EDUCATED ONLY LED ME TO MORE UNSETTLING STRIFE WITHIN
3 MYSELF. I HAVE DISCOVERED NOW THAT THE COURT USED ILLEGAL,
4 UNCONSTITUTIONAL LAW TO ARREST ME AND TO KEEP ME FROM MY
5 MOTHER, FROM MY HUMAN RIGHTS. I HAVE LOOKED FOR ATTORNEYS TO
6 REPRESENT ME. THIS IS THE LIST OF ATTORNEYS WHO HAVE ALL SENT
7 ME LETTERS SAYING THAT MY STATUTES OF LIMITATIONS ARE EXPIRED.
8 MY UNDERSTANDING, MY STATUTES OF LIMITATIONS ARE TO BE
9 ACKNOWLEDGED AT THE TIME OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT I KNOW THE
10 DAMAGES THAT I INCURRED. I WOULD LIKE TO PUT BEFORE YOU THAT
11 UNTIL A CHILD THAT HAS SURVIVED THIS IS COGNIZANT AND AWARE OF
12 THE LAW, THAT THIS CHILD SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO HAVE THEIR
13 STATUTES OF LIMITATIONS TOLLED. AND I COME BEFORE YOU TODAY TO
14 ASK FOR JUSTICE THAT HAS NOT BEEN ANSWERED FOR 43 YEARS TOLL
15 THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FROM MY FAMILY. MY MOTHER DID
16 REGAIN CUSTODY OF ALL SIX OF HER CHILDREN AFTER 13 YEARS OF
17 FIGHTING AN UNJUST COURT SYSTEM WHEN A YOUNG LAWYER WENT
18 BEFORE THE COURT WITH AN ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST FROM
19 DEGRADATION. WE HAD TO CALL IT WHAT IT WAS: RACISM. RACISM IS
20 REAL. AND I HAVE LIVED IT. I'M A WHITE PERSON WHO KNOWS WHAT
21 IT IS TO SUFFER RACISM AT THE DEEPEST LEVEL. AND I STAND
22 BEFORE YOU TO ASK YOU TO LOOK AT MY COURT RECORDS WHERE A
23 JUDGE DENIED MY MOTHER THE RIGHT TO WORK AND TOLL MY STATUTES
24 OF LIMITATIONS. LAST WEEK, AS PART OF MY JOB AS A PARALEGAL, I
25 HAD TO FILE MY FIRST LAWSUIT. I TRIED TO GO TO THE LA CIENEGA



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1 COURT AND I TRIED TO GO TO THE INGLEWOOD COURT. BUT BECAUSE OF
2 OUR ADDRESS WHERE I HAD TO GO TO THE SANTA MONICA COURT.
3 THAT'S THE SAME COURTHOUSE WHERE A JUDGE SIGNED THE ORDER FOR
4 MY ARREST AND TOOK MY MOTHER'S CHILDREN FROM HER. WHEN I WENT
5 TO MAKE THIS APPEARANCE LAST WEEK, I FELL APART ON THE STEPS
6 OF THAT HALL OF JUSTICE. I HAVE A LIFE AHEAD OF ME. I'M
7 SUPPOSED TO PURSUE AND UPHOLD THE LAW. AND I CAN BARELY WALK
8 INTO A COURTROOM BECAUSE EVERYTHING'S BEEN TAKING ME IN THAT
9 SAME COURT OF LAW. THIS IS MY APPEARANCE DECEMBER 20TH AND I
10 HOPE TO GET JUSTICE BEFORE THEN.

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12 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THANK YOU. RICHARD ROBINSON?

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14 **SUP. BURKE:** ACTUALLY THE COUNTY COUNSEL CAN KIND OF SHARE WITH
15 YOU EXACTLY WHAT OUR AUTHORITY IS AND WHAT IT TAKES IN ORDER
16 TO ACTUALLY TOLL A STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS. I KNOW A NUMBER OF
17 CASES HAVE BEEN FILED TO ATTEMPT TO DO THAT. AND I KNOW THAT
18 SELDOM DOES IT EVER HAPPEN. THE STATE LEGISLATURE REALLY HAS
19 TO DO THAT. SO THE COUNTY COUNSEL WILL SHARE THAT WITH YOU.

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21 **ANITA BISSETT:** DO YOU REMEMBER MY MOTHER? DO YOU REMEMBER
22 HELPING MY MOTHER, MICKEY?

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24 **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT'S HER NAME?

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1 **ANITA BISSETT:** HER NAME WAS MICKEY. YVONNE BRATHWAITE-BURKE,
2 SHE WORKED WITH CONGRESSMAN MAXINE WATERS. SHE WAS ONE OF THE
3 FOUNDERS OF THE HEAD START PROGRAM.

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5 **SUP. BURKE:** I SEE.

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7 **ANITA BISSETT:** ALTHOUGH THE COURT SAID THAT SHE WAS UNFIT TO
8 BE MY MOTHER, SHE DEVELOPED THE PROTOCOL THAT WAS AN
9 INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTION. AND MAXINE WATERS WAS HER COLLEAGUE
10 WHO BROUGHT HER TO YOU IN 1964. THIS WAS ME IN 1964.

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12 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL BE SURE TO COME OVER AND TAKE A LOOK AT THE
13 PICTURE OF YOUR MOTHER.

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15 **ANITA BISSETT:** THANK YOU.

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17 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. MR. ROBINSON?

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19 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, I APOLOGIZE FOR SUCH
20 AN EXTENDED ABSENCE, BUT IN SAN FRANCISCO, MAYOR NEWSOM PLACED
21 AT OUR DISPOSAL \$1.2 MILLION. WE HAVE OPENED A 24-HOUR DROP-IN
22 CENTER THERE AND IT'S SORT OF TIME CONSUMING BEING IN SAN
23 FRANCISCO. BUT I'M HERE, MY HOME, TO REALLY REITERATE
24 SOMETHING I EXPRESSED THE LAST TIME I SPOKE BEFORE YOU. WHEN I
25 MOVED INTO THE MILLION DOLLAR HOTEL, SAM YORTY WAS THE MAYOR.



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1 FORMER MAYOR BRADLEY WAS A CITY COUNCILMAN. I PARKED MY NEW
2 CHEVROLET IN FRONT OF THE HOTEL. THE HOTEL WAS ABOUT TO BE
3 DEMOLISHED. I SAID, "YOU DEMOLISH THIS HOTEL, YOU'RE GOING TO
4 BURY MY HOTEL." ANYHOW, BETWEEN THEN AND NOW, A LOT HAS
5 HAPPENED SINCE '71. THAT HOTEL, THE MILLION DOLLAR HOTEL, HAS
6 BEEN ESSENTIALLY A FLOP HOUSE. BUT IT'S CENTRALLY LOCATED.
7 IT'S LARGE. ADEQUATE TO WHAT I SEE AS A PURPOSE. I HAVE A
8 DREAM: A CENTRALLY LOCATED INTAKE FACILITY FOR THE HOMELESS IN
9 DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. SKID ROW. WHAT'S KNOWN AS THE PIT. THANK
10 YOU.

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12 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. ROBINSON. CLOSED SESSION?

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
15 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
16 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBER CS-1 AND CS-
17 2, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
18 LITIGATION AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1 REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON NOVEMBER 6, 2007

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5 CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

6 No reportable action was taken.

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8 CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

9 (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9) Lorraine

10 Steinhart v. County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Superior Court

11 Case No. 05E 06585; Court of Appeal Case No. B190957

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13 This is a lawsuit challenging whether a transfer of a life

14 estate is a change in ownership for real property assessment

15 purposes under Proposition 13. (07-2688)

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17 The Board authorized County Counsel to seek review in the

18 California Supreme Court in the above matter.

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20 The vote of the Board was 3 to 1 with Supervisor Antonovich

21 voting No and Supervisor Knabe being absent.

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